ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
EASTON

FOR
1996

ESTHER ANDERSON, C.M.C.

TOWN CLERK EMERITUS

This year's Town Report is dedicated to Town Clerk Emeritus Esther Anderson.

Esther has served the Town of Easton for over 40 years as Board of Health Clerk, Assistant Collector/Treasurer, Assistant Town Clerk, Town Clerk and most recently as Town Clerk Emeritus.

She has in the past, or is currently serving on the Board of Trustees for the North Easton Savings Bank, the Ames Free Library and the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Association. She is a member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Easton Garden Club, Easton Historical Society, Natural Resources Trust and this is only a partial list.

In short, Esther is a prolific worker and active member of the community maintaining a work and volunteer service schedule which would be envious for persons half her age.

She is a one-woman institution known for her endless historic knowledge of Easton's Town Meetings, and government.

More importantly, Esther is known for her graciousness and abiding concern for all of Easton's citizens and visitors.

She is quick to answer any and all requests for help or information and will invariably reward the requestor with her smile which radiates a singular warmth.

It is with great respect and enduring love, that a grateful community dedicates this Town Report to Esther Anderson.

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1997

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 14th day of April, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector/Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 1998, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. To appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the State pursuant to Ch. 113 of the Acts of 1996 the sum of $453,658 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds, and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C. 44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Board of Health to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1998, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from holders of any food permits to be known as "Food Education Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to anyone approved by the Board of Health, under M.G.L., C. 40, section 4, with said fees and receipts to be expended for educational seminars for food handlers and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and with said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended for the purpose of paying for educational seminars for food handlers, and for administrative costs related thereto;
2. Only fees received from properly permitted food establishments shall be deposited in said account;
3. The Board of Health shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1998, "Food Education Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Board of Health, from food establishments during said Fiscal 1998;
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'98 is $40,000.00

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Health

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C.44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Building Department to establish a revolving fund for Fiscal 1998, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from Plumbing Permits to be known as "Plumbing Inspector Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to the Plumbing Inspector of the Town of Easton, by the Building Inspector, with said fees to be expended for the salary and expenses of the Plumbing Inspector, and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and with said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended only for the purpose of paying the salary and expenses of the Plumbing and Gas Inspectors who are appointed by the Town Administrator.
2. Only fees received from Plumbing and Gas Permits shall be deposited in said account;
3. The Building Department shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from the Fiscal 1998, "Plumbing and Gas Inspectors Account", shall not exceed the total receipts from fees received by the Building Department;
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'98 is $ 20,000.00

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend a sum of money from the Special Revenue Fund known as the "F.B. Wetlands Protection Fund (16-3260)", those sums collected pursuant to Chapter 287, Section 54, of the Acts of 1989, which provides that the Town's share of the Notice of Intent Filing Fees under the Wetlands Protection Act shall be expended solely for the performance of its duties associated with administering the Act, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1998, known as the "Filing Fee and Professional Service Conservation Account", which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and determinations, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Commission for engineering, legal and other such consultant services deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such applications, or in enforcement cases where such applications should have been legally filed, or for other such enforcement actions, and for the administrative costs related thereto, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without further appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for engineering and other such consultant services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such conservation applications, or on necessary enforcement actions;
2. Only fees and receipts received from applicants for Conservation Permits, or Application for "Requests for Determination", shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Conservation Commission shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1998, "Filing Fee and Professional Service Conservation Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Conservation Commission, from Applicants for Conservation Permits, or Applicants for "Requests for Determination", during said Fiscal 1998 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years and
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY 1998 is $35,000.00.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning & Zoning Board, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1998, known as

"Subdivision Inspection Fees", which shall be accounted for separate from all other monies of the Town, and to which are to be deposited fees received from applicants for subdivision approval for inspections during construction, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Board for expert engineering and consultant services and administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board with said fees to be expended without further appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for the services of expert engineers and consultants, and related administrative costs, deemed necessary by the Board to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of inspections during construction;
2. Only fees received from applicants for inspections during construction shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Planning & Zoning board shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1998 "Subdivision Inspection Fees", shall not exceed the total fees received by the Planning & Zoning Board from applicants for subdivision inspections during said Fiscal 1998 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years.
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY98 is $65,000.00.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Board of Health to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1998, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees for witnessing observation holes, percolation tests and other related duties for approval of on-site septic system designs and installations within the Town of Easton to be known as "On-Site Septic Service Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to any qualified professional, approved by the Commonwealth without further appropriation, and which said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended for the purpose of paying for services related to witnessing observation holes, percolation tests and other related duties for approval of on-site septic system designs and installations approved by the Board of Health;
2. only fees received for work related to septic system design, approval and/or soil exploration shall be deposited in said account;
3. The Board of Health shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1998, "On-Site Septic Service Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Board of Health, from Board of Health service fees during Fiscal 1998;
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'98 is $40,000.00,

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Health

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement existing budgets for the fiscal year 1997 budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement funds voted at the April 8, 1996 Annual Town Meeting for the Southeastern Regional Vocational School Budget. or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Medicaid reimbursement funds a sum of money to pay certain special education costs incurred during this (1997) fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by School Committee

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay certain costs related to complying with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue's requirements to conduct interior inspections in connection with the fiscal year 1998 recertification of property values, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Assessors

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay on-going costs of cleaning-up a gasoline spill at the Police/Fire Station on Lothrop Street and for necessary engineering and related expenses, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the original Agreement between the Town of Easton and the Easton Children's Museum, Inc., as set out within Article 35 of the September 15, 1986, Special Town Meeting warrant by rescinding the authority granted to the Board of Selectmen to annually receive Ten (10%) Percent of the Easton Children's Museum's admission fees and enter into an amended Agreement whereby the Easton Children's Museum will be authorized to apply the Ten (10%) Percent of admission fees to capital improvements or repairs to the structure so that henceforth all capital repairs or improvements made to the structure as well as admission fees paid to the Town of Easton shall be credited toward the donation of $100,000.00, or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Pension Reserve Fund pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 5D or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund previously established under Chapter 40 Section 5 of the Mass. General laws for use by the Conservation Commission in accordance with said General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Unemployment Compensation Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Landfill Closure Reserve fund pursuant to the provisions of Mass. General laws Ch. 44, Sec. 28C, and further to accept the provision of M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec. 22F allowing certain fees for issuance of landfill permits, to be collected and deposited in said fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the property tax rate in FY'98, by transferring $700,000 (seven hundred thousand) from free cash or by available funds in the Treasury, if any, or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or authorize borrowing pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 the following sums of money for the departments and purposes noted:

DEPARTMENT/PURPOSE		AMOUNT	
POLICE DEPARTMENT			
Cruisers		$145,000	
	Sub-total		$145,000
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Breathing Air Compressor		$ 24,000	
	Sub-total		$ 24,000
DATA PROCESSING			
School Wide Area Network		$ 14,800	
Personal Computers		28,850	
Police Department Wide Area Network		16,000	
	Sub-total		$ 59,650
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT			
Personal computers		$134,500	
	Sub-total		$134,500
DPW - WATER			
Replace Dump Truck		$ 65,000	
New Dump Truck with Plow		$ 32,000	
	Sub-total		$ 97,000
DPW			
Dam Rehabilitation		$255,000	
Replace Tree Skyworker		57,000	
	Sub-total		$312,000
	TOTAL:	$772,150	

Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of studying Town and School buildings to determine an optimal multi-year building rehabilitation/ construction plan, and to include all engineering, architectural, and related studies to complete the plan or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of making certain repairs to the Easton Junior High School, and for all engineering, architectural and related studies, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money to pay for the costs to conduct a study of the Town of Easton Fire and Ambulance Services or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44, a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a new aerial ladder for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money to pay for rehabilitation and/or installation of certain water mains and appurtenances or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL. Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of making repairs to playgrounds as well as replacement and purchase of playground equipment, and for any engineering, architectural or related studies, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town by repealing Section 8 of Article 1 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following Section 8:

Section 8. Notice of Zoning Amendments.

Notice of any proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law of the Town contained in the Warrant for any Annual or Special Town Meeting shall be given to the Town by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town once in each week for two successive weeks with the last publication to be at least seven (7) days prior to the date of such Annual or Special Town Meeting.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws, Article 14, Personnel Administration, Section 10-3 Section B by deleting Section B in its entirety and substituting therefor the following language:

"B: On the designated holidays employees, not otherwise covered by labor agreement, shall be excused from all duty not required to maintain essential services. Employees who perform work shall be paid at double their regular rate of pay for hours actually worked on the holiday, in addition to the amount to which they are entitled as holiday pay. Civilian Dispatchers, being necessary to maintain essential services, will be required to work holidays when scheduled. Their pay will be their regular amount of pay. In addition, they will receive an additional day's pay or have the option of taking a day off within thirty working days."

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws. Article 24, Section 2, by adding the following:

"No owner or keeper shall cause or permit any dog within the Town of Easton to

bark in the open, outside of any building, repetitively for more than 30 minutes during the quiet hours between 10:00PM and 7:00AM, nor allow any dog to bark repetitively for more than 45 minutes during the daylight hours.

First Offense - Warning.

Second Offense and each subsequent offense within a calendar year ($50.00)."

and by Deleting Section 7 of Article 24, and substituting therefor the following language:

"No owner or keeper shall cause or permit any dog to run at large within the limits of the Town. While on any public way or place, that is open to the public, or any way or place that the public has access, dogs shall be under restraint by the owner or keeper. A dog is under restraint within the meaning of this by-law if he is controlled on a leash or at "heel" beside a competent person and obedient to such person's command, or within a vehicle being driven or parked on a public way. Dogs running at large, and not under restraint, will be caught and confined for a period of up to ten days, and the owner or keeper will be forthwith notified. Said dogs shall not be released to that owner or keeper until a pick-up fee of $30.00 shall have been paid to the Town Treasurer, payment of boarding fees, as authorized by law, and payment to the kennel owner for any damage done to the kennel while said dog was impounded."

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by deleting Article 34, Mandatory Recycling By-Law by deleting this article in its entirety and authorizing the new Recycling By-Law, approved at the April 8, 1996 Town Meeting to be numbered Article 34.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will amend Article 25 of the March 25, 1965 Town Meeting relating to the composition of the School Building and Site Committee as follows:

Change a portion of the first sentence from "Consisting of nine individuals, two of whom shall be members of the School Committee and two members from the Finance Committee and the Superintendent of Schools as a member ex officio" to "Consisting of ten individuals, two of whom shall be from the School Committee and two members of the Finance Committee and the Superintendent of Schools as a nonvoting member ex officio".

Submitted by School Building and Site Committee

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept the nonbinding reports of the Planning & Zoning Board concerning its recommendations in regard to the proposed amendments of the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map to be voted on under Articles 35 to 46, or take any other action relative thereto. (Vote hereunder is acceptance of the written report, but not of recommendations contained therein).

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed amendment of the "Zoning By-Law of the Town of Easton" by:

Adding the following new Sub-Section 4-14, DRIVEWAYS to SECTION IV of the Zoning By-Law:

"4-14. DRIVEWAYS

A driveway shall not be more than 24 feet in width in the Residential, Residential I, and Business Neighborhood Zoning Districts, and shall not be more than 36 feet in width in the Business, Industrial. Eleemosynary, and Municipal Zoning Districts. Each driveway shall service no more than one lot."

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed amendment of the "Zoning By-Law of the Town of Easton by:

Repealing SECTION V, USE REGULATIONS, Sub-Section 5-3. B (2) of the TABLE OF USE

REGULATIONS, which requires a Special Permit for the Principal Uses of land or structures for religious purposes or for educational purposes, since such requirement is in conflict with the Zoning Enabling Act, M.G.L., Chapter 40A, Section 3,

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed amendment of the "Zoning By-Law of the Town of Easton" by:

Repealing SECTION VII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS, Sub-Section 7-12, which is in conflict with the Zoning Enabling Act, M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 3, and replace it with the following new Sub-Section 7-12:

"7-12. The use of land or structures for religious purposes, or for educational purposes on land owned or leased by the Commonwealth or by the Town of Easton, or owned or leased by a religious sect or denomination, or by a non-profit educational corporation shall be subject to reasonable regulations concerning the bulk and height of structures and determining yard sizes, lot area, set-backs, open space, parking and building coverage requirements."

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated August 12, 1993 (original date March 7, 1973), which has been updated, and adopt an updated map entitled "Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map", dated March 19, 1997, a copy of the updated zoning map being on file in the Town Clerk's Office, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated August 12, 1993 (original date March 7, 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning of certain parcels of land now owned by the Town of Easton under the control of the Conservation Commission, and described as follows, to Municipal & Open Space:

1. Parcel A, being a portion of Assessor's Maps U50-23, 24 and 30 and R15-4, consisting of 35 acres located off Bay Road in the "Milestone Acres" subdivision.
2. Parcel I, being a portion of Assessors Maps U8-3, 8, 7/U8 & 4-50, consisting of 21.2876 acres located off Christina Drive in the "Applewood" subdivision.
3. Parcel shown on Assessors Map U15-10A, consisting of 66± acres located off Lincoln Street and shown on plan entitled "The Farm At Flyaway Pond".
4. Parcel 1, 18R Bay Road, shown on Assessors Map R1-15, containing 19.70 acres; Parcel 2, 20R Bay Road, shown on Assessors Map R1-19, containing 15 acres; Parcel 3, 22R Bay Road, shown on Assessors Map R1-18, containing 19 acres
5. Lot 26, Flyaway Pond Drive, shown on Assessors Map U15-197 and shown on plan entitled "The Farm At Flyaway Pond".
6. Properties known as the Truman property:
   Property located at 495 Bay Road, shown on Assessors Map R19-4, containing 5.8 acres;
   Property located off Bay Road shown on Assessors Map R19-3, containing 3.8 acres;
   Property located off Bay Road shown on Assessors Map R19-1, containing 5.5 acres;
   Property located off Bay Road shown on Assessors Map R18-37, containing 7.3 acres.
7. Parcel A shown on a plan entitled "Strawberry Fields", located off Poquanticut Avenue, containing 5.975 acres, being a portion of Assessors Map R7-139.
8. Lot 4 shown on a plan entitled "Gaslight Village II", located on Foundry Street, shown on Assessors Map U45-216, containing 60,589 square feet.
9. Parcel located at the end of Deer Run Road, shown on Assessors Map R1-22, containing 3.4 acres.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed amendment of the "Zoning By Law of the Town of Easton" by:

In **SECTION II, DEFINITIONS**, under the definition of "LOT", add the following new words after the words "and flood plain": "detention/retention basins".

The definition of **LOT** will read as follows:

"**LOT** - An uninterrupted contiguous tract of land, excluding streams, ponds, wetlands as defined in Article 29, Town of Easton Zoning By-Law and Chapter 131, Sec. 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, flood plain, and detention/retention basins, held in the same ownership throughout, and defined by bounds or lot lines ascertainable by recorded deed or plan."
or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

ARTICLE 41 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated August 12, 1993 (original date March 7, 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning of a certain parcel of land now owned by the Natural Resources Trust, and described as follows, from Residential to Municipal & Open Space:

Lot 3, consisting of 29.5± acres located between Massapoag Avenue and Poquanticut Avenue shown on Assessors Map R7 and on plan entitled "Plan of Land In Easton, MA Prepared For Edna F. Robbins", dated June 30, 1995.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated August 12, 1993 (original date March 7, 1973), as follows:
By changing the zoning of certain parcels of land now owned by the Town of Easton, and described as follows, to Municipal & Open Space:
Lots 159, 160, 161, 162 and Theater Way as shown on Assessor's Map U16 and also shown as Lots 1 through 4 and Theater Way on plan entitled "Shakespeare Glen, Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in Easton, Mass.", dated Revised Aug. 21, 1985 and Sept. 4, 1985,
or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed amendment of the "Zoning By Law of the Town of Easton" by:

1. In **SECTION II, DEFINITIONS**, after the definition of "cellar" add the following new definition:

"COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY

A tower, including antennas and accessory structures, if any, built for wireless communications, including, but not limited to, radio, television, cellular, and digital communications, which facilitates the provision of wireless communications services."

2. In **SECTION V, USE REGULATIONS**, Paragraph 5.3. TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS. PRINCIPAL USES, D. OFFICE AND LABORATORY, delete sub-paragraph 5) in its entirety.

3. In **SECTION V, USE REGULATIONS**, Paragraph 5.3. TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS.

PRINCIPAL USES, H. OTHER PRINCIPAL USES, add the following new sub-paragraph 8):

"8) Communications Tower and Wireless Communications Facility N N SP SP SP SP N SP

1. Purpose, Applicability and Use

The purpose of this By Law is to establish appropriate siting criteria and standards for communications towers and facilities including, but not limited to radio, television, cellular, and digital communications in order to minimize adverse visual impacts and maintain the residential and historic character of the Town, and preserve scenic views to and from the Town's roadways. This By Law is intended to establish reasonable regulations while allowing adequate service to residents, the traveling public and others within the Town and to accommodate the need for the minimum possible number of such facilities within the Town. The requirements of this By Law shall apply to all communications towers and wireless communication facilities that require a special permit in accordance with Section 12-7 of this By Law, excluding in-kind or smaller replacement of existing equipment.

2. Required Performance Standards

a. Any tower shall be set back from property lines a distance at least equal to the height of the tower.
b. No towers may be constructed within areas subject to protection under the Wetland By Law (Article 29, Town of Easton By Law and Chapter 131, § 40, M.G.L.).
c. Any tower shall be at least five hundred feet (500') from any existing building.
d. Accessory structures housing support equipment for towers shall not exceed 400 square feet in size and fifteen feet (15') in height and shall be screened from view.
e. Clearing of natural vegetation should be limited to that which is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the tower.
f. Night lighting shall be prohibited unless required by Federal authorities and shall be the minimum necessary.
g. One tower shall be permitted per lot.
h. No tower shall be more than one hundred fifty feet (150') above the natural grade.
i. Shared use of tower and co-location of communications devices is encouraged. All towers constructed as principal uses shall be designed to accommodate the maximum number of communications facilities possible.
j. Wherever feasible, wireless communication facilities shall be located on existing towers or other nonresidential structures, minimizing construction of new towers.
k. Wireless communication facilities placed on existing buildings shall be camouflaged or screened and designed to be harmonious and architecturally compatible with the building. No facility shall project more than five feet (5') above the existing roofline of the building. Any equipment associated with the facility shall be located within the building.
l. Towers and facilities shall be painted a neutral, non-reflective color designed to blend with the surrounding environment.
m. A facility shall not be erected nearer to a residential lot line than five hundred feet (500').
n. There shall be no signs, except for announcement signs, no trespassing signs and a required sign giving a phone number where the owner can be reached on a twenty-four hour basis. All signs shall conform with the Sign By Law (Section X of the Easton Zoning By Law).
o. Satellite dishes and/or antenna shall be situated on a structure in such a manner that they are screened, preferably not being visible from abutting streets. Free standing dishes or antenna shall be located on the landscape in such a manner so as to minimize visibility from abutting streets and residences and to limit the need to remove existing vegetation. All equipment shall be colored, molded and/or installed to blend into the structure and/or the landscape.
p. Antennas or dishes located on a structure shall not exceed ten feet (10') in height above the level of its attachment to the structure.
q. No structure shall extend in a horizontal distance from the centerline of the tower more than twenty-five feet (25') without approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority. Such extension has to conform to the same set back requirements as the tower itself. Setbacks are the furthest extension of the tower.
r. At its discretion, the Special Permit Granting Authority may require the applicant to simulate at the proposed location through the use of some device at the specific location.

3. Administrative Procedures

Site plan approval (pursuant to Section 7-10) and a Special Permit shall be granted by the Board of Appeals in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 9. The Board of Appeals shall adopt rules relative to the issuance of special permits, including application fees, and file a copy with the Town Clerk.

4. Criteria for Review and Approval

a. The SPGA shall review all applications for communication towers and shall find:

(i) that the location of the tower or device is suitable and that the size, height, and design is the minimum necessary for that purpose;

(ii) that the proposed tower or devices will not adversely impact historic structures or scenic views;

(iii) that there are no feasible alternatives to the location of the proposed tower or devices (including co-location) that would minimize their impact;

(iv) that the proposed tower or device is in compliance with federal and state requirements regarding aviation safety.

b. The Special Permit is granted for a period of two (2) years and shall lapse if substantial use or construction has not commenced by such a date, except for good cause shown., And provided further that such construction, once begun, shall be actively and continuously pursued to completion within a reasonable time. Any extension, addition of cells or construction of new or replacement towers shall be subject to an amendment of the Special Permit following the same procedure as for an original grant of a Special Permit."

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated 12 August 1993 (original date 7 March 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning, extending zoning, of certain land owned by William J. Freitas et al located at 375 Depot Street as shown on Assessors Map U38, Lot 11, Being the westerly parcel as shown on a "Plan of Land in Easton surveyed for Albert A. McLeod et al, Scale 40 feet to an inch, 5 September 1953, Hayward & Hayward, Surveyors" which plan is recorded with Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 59, Page 96, from Residential to Industrial, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 45 To see if the Town will vote to accept Vineyard Place as a public way from station 0+00 to station 12+36.24 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Stoney Brook" Definitive Subdivision drafted by J. K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc., dated 14 March 94 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on May 25, 1994 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 339, Pages 14-16, or to take any other action relative thereto

The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "Deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting.

Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to accept Tait Avenue as a public way from station 0+00 to station 4+91 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Blueberry Hill Estates", drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated 24 February 86, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on October 8, 1986 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern district Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 244, Pages 47, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting.

Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire in fee simple, by purchase, by eminent domain or otherwise, the property with the buildings thereon, the property formerly known as the Michelson's Dairy Farm located on the southerly side of Route 106 (Foundry Street) described as Lot 2B on a plan of Land in Easton recorded with the Bristol County North Registry of Deeds in Book 354, Page 67 and the more specifically described in a deed to Pilgrim Consolidators, Inc. recorded in said Bristol County North Registry in Book 6769, Page 280 on June 6, 1996, consisting of approximately 14.296 acres of land, in Easton, Massachusetts, for the purpose of conservation, open space land, and/or active and passive recreation areas, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer and appropriate from available funds, transfer and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund, and/or borrow a certain sum of money to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land and for paying any damages which may be awarded as the result of any such taking, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all necessary and proper contracts, agreements and notices hereto; or to take any action relative to.

Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to grant an easement for drainage purposes to the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church of Easton, Massachusetts over land owned by the Town of Easton shown on an Assessor's Plan R14 Parcel 24. The easement is to become part of an area wide surface drainage system, and is to be maintained as the sole cost and responsibility of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.
or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer, such sums as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto.
(See Budget at end of Warrant).

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, and/or borrow a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of providing senior citizen real estate tax vouchers for services rendered pursuant to an agreement to be approved by the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an additional sum of $20,000 (twenty thousand) to supplement the street lighting budget for FY'98. This additional sum will help to restore street lighting throughout the Town in accordance with the Board of Selectmen street lighting policy as defined in Article 1, Section 3, which requires street lights on minor roads be placed every five hundred (500) feet to every seven hundred (700) feet, and to determine whether the money will be provided by taxation, transfer from free cash, or from available funds in the Treasury if any, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the Lincoln Street Intermediate School from the School Committee to the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the

provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 15A, for the purpose of sale or lease, or to take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care. custody, management and control of the North Easton Grammar School from the School Committee to the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 15A, for the purpose of sale or lease, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of making necessary preparations and repairs and for related architectural, engineering and related services to render the North Easton Grammar School, and the Lincoln Street Intermediate School suitable for long-term closure until such time as their disposition shall be finally determined, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to declare the North Easton Grammar School, located at 115 Main Street available for disposition effective September 1, 1997, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of said property, and further that, in the event of the sale of said property, the minimum sale price shall be established as $25,000 and, in the event of a lease for said property, the lease shall be for not more than ninety-nine (99) years and shall be established as $6,600 per year on a triple net basis, and further that the sale or lease of the North Easton Grammar School shall be subject to the following re-use restrictions: (1) that an easement shall be reserved in favor of the Town of Easton to ensure continued access to the War Memorial located at the front of the site, (2) that the building facade which is visible from Main Street, as well as the Main Street entrance and the cupola, be restored and maintained in a historically appropriate manner, (3) that the Town of Easton shall retain the right of first refusal to lease back space after renovation.
or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to declare the Lincoln Street Intermediate School, located at 6 Lincoln Street available for disposition effective September 1, 1997, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of said property, and further that, in the event of the sale of said property, the minimum sale price shall be established as $25,000 and, in the event of a lease for said property, the lease shall be for not more than ninety-nine (99) years and shall be established as $12,500 per year on a triple net basis, and further that the sale or lease of the Lincoln Street Intermediate School shall be subject to the following re-use restrictions: (1) that the building facades of the 1895 structure which are visible from Lincoln Street and Barrows Street, as well as the interior rotunda, be restored and maintained in a historically appropriate manner, (2) that the Town of Easton shall retain the right of first refusal to lease back space after renovation.
or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of studying reuse options for the North Easton Grammar and Lincoln Street Intermediate Schools, and for all architectural. engineering or related studies, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Law of the Town by repealing Section 1. (Spaces to be reserved for Handicapped Persons) of Article 32 (Handicapped Parking) and substituting therefor the following new Section 1:

Section 1. Spaces to be reserved for handicapped Persons

Any person or body that has lawful control of a public or private way or of improved or enclosed property used as off-street parking areas for businesses, shopping malls, theaters, auditoriums, sporting or recreational facilities, cultural centers, residential dwellings or for any other place where the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees shall reserve parking spaces in said off-street parking areas for any vehicle owned and operated by a disabled veteran or handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinguishing license plate authorized by said section two of chapter ninety or for any vehicle transporting a handicapped person and displaying the special identification plate authorized by section two of chapter ninety or for any vehicle bearing the official identification of a handicapped person issued by any other state, or any Canadian Province.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Handicap Advisory Committee

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town by repealing Section 2. (Number of Spaces to be Reserved) of Article 32 (Handicapped Parking) and substituting therefor the following new Section 2:

Section 2. Number of Spaces to be Reserved

The parking spaces reserved in said off-street parking area for Section 1 shall be in accordance with the following formula:

TOTAL PARKING SPACES	RESERVED PARKING SPACES
0-15	0
16-25	1
26-40	2
41-100	3
101-200	4
201-500	6
501-1000	10
1000-2000	15
2001-5000	20
5001 or greater	30

Total parking spaces in an off-street parking lot shall not include those spaces that are duly posted and/or duly marked as restricted to employees or residents.

Parking spaces designated as reserved under this by-law shall be identified by the use of above grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words "Handicapped Parking: Special Plates Required. Unauthorized Vehicles may be Removed at Owner's Expense", shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway, shall be adjacent to curb ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to handicapped persons; shall be twelve feet wide or two eight foot wide areas with four feet of cross hatch between them.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Handicap Advisory Committee

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following nonbinding RESOLUTION for the enactment of a State Enabling Act for the creation of land banks:

"The Town of Easton hereby instructs its Representatives in the General Court to file and approve a bill in the form of An Act to Enable a Land Bank Fund to be established in Certain Municipalities; the purpose of which is to acquire, reclaim, hold and manage land and interests in land in order to provide for the existing and future aesthetic enjoyment and recreation of the municipalities, their residents and visitors and to provide for environmental protection; to establish said Land Bank by authorizing a fee on land transfers in a percentage to be determined by the

voters in any Town adopting the Act."
or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission/Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exercise a Right of First Refusal Option pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 61A, Section 14, with regard to the following described parcels of land purported to be owned by Bay Path Corporation of Sharon, Massachusetts, and to acquire such land or any part thereof in fee or rights of easement, by Eminent Domain under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter seventy nine, or any other enabling authority, or by gift, purchase or otherwise, for conservation purposes, and to determine what sum of money the Town shall raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44, or otherwise, to pay for the acquisition of said land or rights of easement therein, or for the payment of land damages or other costs or expenses of acquisition, and that the Board of Selectmen are authorized to exercise said first refusal option and to enter into agreements with private parties of state and federal agencies for financial and other assistance in connection with such acquisition, and to do all other acts and things necessary and proper for carrying out the purposes of this vote, or to take any other action relative to:

The land known as Lots 2 through 8, and the proposed roadway, as shown on a plan of land entitled "Preliminary lot lay-out, Chestnut Street, Easton, MA surveyed for Baypath Corporation, surveyed by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated, November 22, 1996, revised December 10, 1996", excluding Lot 1 on said plan, being a portion of the land shown on Assessor's Maps, 7R-12J and 9R-20, for title see Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 6746, page 4 and Book 2226, page 15.

Further that said land be conveyed to said Town under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 8C, and as it may be hereafter amended and other such statutes relating to conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Easton Conservation Commission, and such Commission shall be authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, deemed necessary under the self-help act (Chapter 132A, section 11) and/or any other such acts in any way connected with the scope of this article, and the Conservation Commission shall be authorized hereunder to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary, on behalf of the Town to effect such purchase, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 62. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections, residing in Precincts One, Two and Four to meet at the Junior High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue; those residing in Precincts Three, Five and Six to meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Foundry Street (Route 106), on Monday the 28th day of April, 1997, at 7:00 in the forenoon to bring their votes all on one ballot for One Moderator for a term of three years; Two Selectmen for terms of three years; One Assessor for a term of three years; One School Committee member for a term of three years; One Board of Health member for a term of three years; One Housing Authority member for a term of five years; Three Finance Committee members for a term of three years.

The polls will be opened at 7:00 A.M. and shall be closed at 8:00 P.M.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return on this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting and said Town Clerk is hereby required to make return of the Warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required to make return on the Warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return of Officers elected, at the close of said meeting.

TOWN OF EASTON FISCAL '1998' TOWN MEETING BUDGET RECAP REPORT

FD-DPT	DEPARTMENT NAME	EXPENDED FY 96	APPROPR FY 97	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	ADMIN. RECOMM	SELECTMAN	FINANCE COMMITTEE	TOWN MEETING
01-003	SELECTMAN	224,286	274,623	290,286	290,286	289,286	290,286	
01-007	TOWN COUNSEL	103,423	114,300	126,300	126,300	126,300	126,300	
01-011	FINANCE COMMITTEE	2,083	3,950	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	
01-013	RESERVE FUND	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
01-025	ACCOUNTANT	59,767	64,416	66,564	66,564	66,564	66,564	
01-029	ASSESSORS	135,840	138,952	146,416	146,416	146,416	146,416	
01-033	TOWN COLLECTOR-TREASURER	259,808	262,187	271,677	271,677	271,677	271,677	
01-039	TOWN CLERK	114,571	134,745	128,011	128,011	128,011	128,011	
01-049	BOARD OF APPEALS	12,178	12,711	10,853	10,853	10,853	10,853	
01-051	DATA PROCESSING	135,214	150,271	167,682	167,682	179,682	167,682	
01-063	PLANNING AND ZONING	41,593	43,399	45,996	45,996	45,996	45,996	
01-101	POLICE	2,040,390	2,141,812	2,316,022	2,316,022	2,316,022	2,316,022	
01-103	FIRE	1,570,987	1,753,004	1,775,211	1,775,211	1,775,211	1,775,211	
01-104	AMBULANCE	221,463	252,520	271,013	271,013	271,013	271,013	
01-105	FIRE ALARM	12,976	19,199	19,199	19,199	19,199	19,199	
01-113	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	86,555	98,491	100,530	100,530	100,530	100,530	
01-200	SCHOOL BUDGET	14,697,327	15,707,295	16,781,775	16,781,775	16,781,775*	0 **	
01-225	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	239,420	263,362	286,732	286,732	0**	286,732	
01-300	DPW ADMINISTRATION	1,988,019	2,092,790	2,232,755	2,232,755	2,252,755	2,261,549	
01-487	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	24,259	27,002	28,440	28,440	28,440	28,440	
01-501	BOARD OF HEALTH	104,705	141,333	146,898	146,898	146,898	146,898	
01-531	COUNCIL ON AGING	106,484	112,940	120,107	120,107	120,107	120,107	
01-551	VETERANS DEPARTMENT	67,127	86,336	87,431	87,431	87,431	87,431	
01-600	RECREATION DEPARTMENT	35,863	39,739	47,027	47,027	47,027	47,027	
01-601	RECREATION-POOL	26,503	27,100	30,930	30,930	30,930	30,930	
01-625	LIBRARY	143,050	200,000	330,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	
01-700	MATURING DEBT AND INT	1,158,806	1,503,831	1,969,722	1,969,722	1,969,722	1,969,722	
01-750	UNCLASSIFIED	3,263,461	3,429,911	3,647,722	3,647,722	3,677,722	3,647,722	
61-500	WATER DIVISION	1,169,309	1,198,398	1,342,357	1,342,357	1,342,357	1,342,357	

* RECOMMENDATION IN THIS COLUMN IS THAT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

** RECOMMENDATION TO BE MADE AT TOWN MEETING

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
EASTON

FOR
1996

TOWN OF EASTON

Incorporated	1725
Area of Town	29.04 Square Miles
Population	19,807 (1990 Federal Census) 21,743 (1996 Town Census)
Form of Government	Town Meeting
Total Assessed Valuation as of January 1, 1996	$1,132,558,025
Town Meeting	Second Monday in April
Town Election	Fourth Monday in April

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON

United States Senators

John F. Kerry — Edward M. Kennedy

Representatives in Congress

Ninth Congressional District (Pcts. 2A, 4, 5, 6)	John Joseph Moakley, Boston
Fourth Congressional District (Pcts. 1, 2B, 3)	Barney Frank, Newton

State Senators

Second Plymouth & Bristol District: (Pcts. 1, 2, 4, 5)	Robert S. Creedon, Jr. Brockton
Norfolk Bristol & Plymouth District: (Pcts. 3, 6)	William R. Keating, Sharon

Representatives in General Court

Eleventh Plymouth District: (Pcts. 1, 2A, 4, 5)	Geraldine Creedon,Brockton
Eighth Plymouth District: (Pcts. 3, 6)	Jacqueline Lewis, Bridgewater

Governor's Councillor

Second District — Kelly A. Timilty, Canton

IN MEMORIAM

NORMAN A. ANDERSON

GEORGE M. BAGGE

ELVA BAILEY

HOWARD L. CHANDLER

BARBARA W. CHASE

HELEN DOHERTY

LOUISE E. HOLMES

JOSEPH D. LAWLOR

PETER MCCONARTY

EILEEN MORSE

CLAUDE L. MOUREY

ALEXANDER J. PIRES, SR.

MURIEL PRATT

DOROTHY M. STONE

FREDERICK A. WILDE

In recognition of services of these dedicated citizens who performed their civic duty with enthusiasm and pride, the citizens of Easton hereby give formal expression of its grievous loss and does hereby note in its records their passing from this life and extend to their families their heartfelt sympathy.

TOWN OF EASTON ELECTED OFFICERS:

MODERATOR	
Richard C. Dailey	1997
SELECTMEN	
William D. Hardin	1999
Patricia F. Hunt	1998
Frederick W. Clark	1998
Daniel W. Churchill	1997
Jeffrey L. Tufts	1997
ASSESSORS	
Gerard S. Marsan	1999
Charles C. Willis	1998
John A. Keach, Jr.	1997
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
William P. Braun	1999
Caroline S. O'Neill	1999
Lennart K. Altieri	1998
Michael K. Manning	1998
Carla A. Goodwin	1997
BOARD OF HEALTH	
David E. Gardner	1999
Robert J. Kane	1998
William Grimes	1997
HOUSING AUTHORITY	
Sandra L. Conant	2001
June H. Brousseau	2000
Sylvia C. Gardner (State Member)	1998
Jerry Fitzgerald	1998
Daniel M. Crane	1997
FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Robert L. Hicks	1999
Gloria J. Stafford	1999
Allen R. Barron	1999
David W. Brown	1998
John J. Kent	1998
Mario Ferretti	1998
Bruce E. Baker	1997
David W. Betzer	1997
Michael J. Boyle	1997
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Ralph Armstead	1998

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Kevin E. Paicos, Town Administrator
Ernest R. Camara, Town Accountant
Martyn H. Lincoln, Town Attorney
Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk
Esther C. Anderson, Town Clerk Emeritus
Jean A. Shearing, Assistant Town Clerk
Cynthia M. Curry, Treasurer and Collector
Pamela J. Berglund, Asst. Treasurer/Collector
Anne M. Carney, Assistant Assessor
Dolores M. Kent, Veterans Agt./Council on Aging Director
Annalee M. Bundy, Library Exec. Director
Kenneth F. Wood, Jr., Recreation Director
Martha Leigh White, Community Dev. Dir.

William J. Simmons, Ed. D., J.D., School Supt.
Judith M. Frederick, Ed. D., Assistant Supt.
John J. Walsh, Administrative Asst to Supt.

Roger A. Hill, DPW Director
Edward C. Jacobson, Supt. of Streets
Wayne P. Southworth, Supt. of Water Division
John J. Marsh, Asst. Supt. of Water Division
Richard Hayes, Supt. of Central Maintenance
Peter Huie, Town Engineer

Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief and Forest Warden
Norman F. McNeil, Deputy Fire Chief

Stanley P. Bates, Jr., Police Chief
John D. Melin, Animal Control Officer
Donald S. Winship, Civil Defense Director

John A. Pires, Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer
Wallace M. Fulcher, Local Inspector
Albert K. Greiner, Wiring Inspector
John F. Amorim, Assistant Wiring Inspector
Robert Govey, Gas Inspector
John A. Pires, Sealer of Weights and Measures

Wade D. Saucier, Board of Health Director
John D. Melin, Animal Insp. and Milk Inspector
Daniel A. McNeill, Plumbing Inspector

John A. Keach, Jr., Deputy Moderator
John F Creedon, Deputy Moderator
Carla A. Goodwin, Deputy Moderator

CONSTABLES:

James A. Carey	1999
Oswald Braadland	1999
Scott Crelease	1999
Michael Freeman	1999
Ronald Martin	1999
Robert Babineau	1998
John Melin	1998
Michael Bombas	1998
Michael P. Ferraro	1998
Jerold Loomis.	1998
Harold L. March	1998
Roger R. Guerette	1997
Gene F. Dalton	1997
Irving M. Gershman	1997
Arthur C. Woodworth	1997
Michael X. Wynn	1997
David E. Gardner	1997
George A. Mather	1997

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:
(In Alphabetical Order)

BOARD OF APPEALS

Stephen J. McAlarney	2001
Lisa A. Motta	2000
Barbara G. Paras	1999
Joseph A. Derian, Jr.	1998
Paul G. Pino	1997
Stephen A. Freitas, Alternate	1997
Jean M. Kent, Alternate	1997

ARTS COUNCIL

Susan Hadge	1999
Walter Messcher	1999
Sharyn Katz	1999
Paula Peterson	1998
Rose E. Buck	1998
James Chichetto	1998
Jennie DunKley	1998
Destiny A. Kaplan	1998
Philip Ardell	1998

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

David W. Brown	1998
Anthony Ferragamo	1998
Richard Hudson	1998
John E. McMorrow	1997
George E. Tyrrell	1997

CANOE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

William D. Hardin	1999
John E. Grant	1998
Wayne P. Southworth	1997

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Marc R. Brockman	1998
Margaret J. Howard	1998
Sharyn Katz	
Paul Dubois	
Ernest R. Camara	Town Accountant
William Meehan	Planning & Zoning Board
David W. Brown	Finance Committee

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Edward Rogers	1999
Clyde A. Craig	1998
John D. Melin	1997

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Michael G. Sites	1999
Philip Barske	1998
Christopher P. Linde	1998
John E. Grant	1997
Forest E. Henderson	1997

CONTINUING SCHOOL BLDG & SCHOOL SITE COMMITTEE
Constance M. Pozzo (At Large)
Clifford Skip Davis, Jr. (At Large)
Daniel W. Churchill (At Large)
Peter B. Yochim (At Large)
Carla A. Goodwin (School)
Michael K. Manning (School)
William Simmons (School Supt.)
Bruce E. Baker (Finance Committee)
Michael J. Boyle (Finance Committee)

COUNCIL ON AGING

David V. Welch, Sr.	1999
Elizabeth A. Verity	1999
Anthony Ferragamo	1999
Phyllis Kiessling	1998
Roberta Hafferty	1998
Jerry Fitzgerald	1997
Mary C. Scully	1997
Dolores M. Kent, Director	

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

David V. Welch, Sr.	1998
Louise Adams	1998
James H. Locke	1997
Thomas Thibeault	1997
Dolores Kent, Director	

FLYAWAY POND RESTORATION COMMITTEE
Philip Barske
Barry DunKley

FLYAWAY POND COMM (CONT)
Paul Fruzzetti
Forest Henderson
John J. Kent
Paul Marino, Jr.
Jesse Morse
Alan Roscoe
John Webby

HANDICAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Charles W. Cramer	1999
Jodie Schwarz	1999
Joanne Noel	1999
Paul Schreiber	1998
Arthur Ponticelli	1998
Carla A. Goodwin	1998
Kevin Rosenberg	1998
Carl R. Abramson	1997
Claire M. Johnson	1997

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Jeffrey Smith, ADA Assistant Coordinator

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Gloria J. Stafford	1998
Barry R. DunKley	1998
Edmund C. Hands	1997
Kathleen A. Beaudoin	1997
Hazel Varella	1997

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David R. Morse	1998
Robert L. Hicks	1998
Leo N. Turcotte	1997
Kenneth Carlson	1997

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Carl Abramson, Handicap Adv. Commitee
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James Pearson	1997
William J. McAndrews, Assoc. Member	1997
Stephen P. Kolberg, Associate Member	1997
Lawrence Ramondi, Associate Member	1997

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Jean H. Cote	1998
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1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In April, William Hardin was re-elected to the Board and during reorganization Jeffrey Tufts was elected Chairman and Daniel Churchill was elected Clerk. Major policy issues surrounded the Board this year, using up most of the available resources and agenda time.

During the year negotiations with town unions, and the Town Administrator continued as all contracts are up at this time. The Police union and the Board came to terms on a new three year contract, the Selectmen are in varying degrees of bargaining with the other groups. The Town Administrator and the Selectmen came to an agreement and completed work on a new three year contract for the administrator in January 1997.

Growth Management and the future direction of the Town have dominated this year's work by the Board. The Selectmen studied proposals submitted by consultants from across the country and in Massachusetts, Whiteman & Taintor from Hopkinton MA was selected. A sub-committee was formed between the Selectmen and Planning Board to work with the growth management consultant, this group is also working with the newly formed citizen outreach committee. The long awaited study should start showing results this spring and the public debate will begin on the Town's future.

Long term decisions need to be made on many issues some of which are awaiting the growth study results others awaiting studies of their own. These issues frame a wide range of topics: town sewage, waste disposal, Fire department study, library addition, sidewalk plan, recycling bylaw, water sale to other towns, Main Street reconstruction, DPW fuel facility, Cable renewal, and long term capital spending to name a few. The Board has worked to try and create a decision making process so that all concerns are answered and considered before action is taken.

Town finances as always determine the flow and extent of our other work. This year benefits from past conservative budget decisions paid off, again, allowing us to spend more time on long term planning issues instead of cutting budgets. While a budget season doesn't pass without a "skirmish" somewhere, this year's special town meeting was a war. The honest budget disagreements turned into emotion and name calling, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator hope that a town meeting never turns that nasty again. We have enacted the budget changes approved for the Fire Department and hope the discussion can finally be resolved when the fire services study is complete.

The Board also dealt with routine matters and enforcement of Town regulations. We had a good number of citizens applying to town boards and committees, filling most positions early on. The Board has also spent hours hearing liquor license violations and has taken its role seriously in maintaining the public's safety.

As always the success of Easton's local government is made possible by the dedication of its employees and department heads. Not to be forgotten is the supreme work performed by all the elected and appointed boards and volunteers. Their dedication to specific goals and the work

they tirelessly perform is what being a community is all about. In the Selectmen's office, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Town Administrator Kevin Paicos, Executive Secretary Shelly Meehan, Secretary Mary McCarthy and Interns Paul Boushell and Mark Rosania. Their help and guidance has allowed us to make decisions that steered the town through 1996 and into the future. We would also like to thank the members of the press and Dave Andrew's camera crew that suffer through all of our meetings even though they never share their food.

We extend our appreciation and thanks to all those that made our job easier, and to those that challenged us to work harder.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Tufts, Chairman
Daniel Churchill, Clerk
Frederick Clark
William Hardin
Patricia Hunt

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Easton:

The following report is submitted herewith:

In December, 1996, the Department of Revenue certified the fiscal year 1997 tax rate at $ 17.68 per thousand dollars of assessed value. The bill mailed at the end of December, 1996 reflected the estimated value of property as of January 1,1996. These assessed values were determined by an analysis of sales that occurred during calendar 1995. Sales taking place in 1996 will be reviewed for fiscal year 1998 which is a state-certified revaluation year. The Board of Assessors has hired two listers to do both interior and exterior house inspections to verify data for the revaluation analysis.

A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Assessed Value of Real Estate	$1,114,718,800.00
Assessed Value of Personal Property	17,839,225.00
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	$1,132,558,025.00

Expenditures:

Appropriations	$	32,562,590.00
Misc. - Snow & Ice, Tax Title, Offset Deficits etc.		158,336.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets		30,617.00
State & County Charges		264,630.00
Overlay		323,006.88
Total Expenditures	$	33,339,179.88

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	$	6,481,883.00
Local Receipts		2,750,000.00
Offset Receipts		531,000.00
Enterprise Funds		1,811,141.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds		1,741,530.00
Total Receipts & Available Funds	$	13,315,554.00

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION: $ 20,023,625.88

Tax Rate = 20,023,625.88 / 1,132,558,025 x 1,000 = $17.68

JOHN A . KEACH, CHAIRMAN
CHARLES C. WILLIS, VICE-CHAIRMAN
GERARD S. MARSAN, CLERK

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee began the year reviewing the proposed Fiscal Year 1997 Town Budget. During 1996 the Committee approved six transfers from the Reserve Fund to operating accounts. Members attended the annual meetings of the Association of Town Finance Committees and of the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

We have been reviewing the proposed FY1998 Budget since mid December. The expense side of departmental budgets and off-set receipt account income are being closely studied. Personnel costs, the largest item in the budget, are difficult to project since contracts with Town employee unions have not been completed (bargaining group ratification of one contract is pending).

The Education Reform Act may have an impact on Town general government depending on how much is funded by the Commonwealth. In the past, the State has not been timely in establishing what mandatory per student expenses and minimum funding will be. This act, which may well lead to significant improvements in education, has replaced the old apportionment formula between schools and general government with a State imposed mandate. The apportionment percentages are now less than they were prior to the implementation of the Education Reform Act; Town leadership should reconsider those amounts.

Current population growth may lead to increased demand for public services that will be difficult to fund. Proposition Two and a Half limits percentile property taxation growth (our most significant source of revenue) at a rate below that of inflation while Education Reform mandates per student expenditures that swell total School costs as population grows. Without an increase in commercial property development and without significant controls over growth the Town may find itself hard pushed to maintain the current level of municipal services.

Ellen Clark did not run for re-election in 1996. We thank her for her years of service to the Town. Gloria Stafford and Bob Hicks were re-elected to the Committee. Allen Barron was elected, returning to the Committee after an absence. We thank Shelly Meehan for her work as secretary of the Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Hicks, Chair
David Betzer, Vice Chair
Gloria J. Stafford, Clerk
Bruce E. Baker
Allen Barron
Michael J. Boyle
David W. Brown
Mario Ferretti
John J. Kent

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In the third year of the implementation of the Education Reform Act the Easton Public Schools continued to address new responsibilities and demands, while focusing on long range plans to meet increased enrollment and space concerns. School Councils, which brought individual improvement plans and creative ideas to each of the schools, worked in concert with the School Committee and school administration. The collaboration between the School Committee, staff, parents and the community-at-large once again provided the foundation for a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the education of Easton's students.

As this report indicates, the Easton Public Schools evidenced a number of significant accomplishments and changes during the past year. In addition to the administrative, statutory and fiscal impacts that influenced the day-to-day operation of the school system, a number of events, achievements, and issues are indicative of the active and productive learning that takes place in the schools. This summary touches upon some of the details which made up the lives of Easton's young people and adults during the past year.

UNIQUE EVENTS

Groundbreaking ceremonies took place in mid-January, 1996 to initiate the construction of the new intermediate school project. The new schools, scheduled to open in September, 1997, will help address increasing enrollment demands and meet the needs of Easton's grade 4 through grade 6 student population.

The elementary system completed its third year in the reconfigured K-3 and grade 4-6 structure. At the same time, with the scheduled closing of the Lincoln Street Intermediate School and the North Easton Grammar School, transition planning began for the Center School to serve a K-3 population, and for all grade 4-6 students to attend either the Richardson School or the Olmstead School.

At the secondary level, the high school was commended by the NEASC for its two-year follow-up report in response to the very fine accreditation report issued as part of the NEASC ten-year accreditation process. The junior high school, through a restructuring grant, initiated planning for the transition to a "Middle School Concept" and the reintroduction of Teaming for the 1997-98 school year. Both secondary schools used creative scheduling and relied upon the support of those involved in school athletics, community sports programs, and physical education classes to maximize space utilization during the various intermediate school construction phases.

MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

A number of projects have been completed or have now received financing for completion as part of Easton's effort to address the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This includes school signage, handicapped walkways, modifications to the interior ramp at the Center Intermediate School, and parking accommodations.

The Department of Public Works, Central Maintenance, Easton school custodians and outside vendors worked on a number of school related endeavors, including the painting of the interior and exterior of the Easton Junior High School, the initiation of other junior high school capital projects, heating and electrical upgrades, door and window replacements, and the formulation of capital budget items that need to be addressed as part of a long range approach to the upkeep and maintenance of Easton's schools.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The class of 1996 was highly successful in reaching its goals. Over eighty-six percent enrolled in four-year colleges, junior colleges, nursing schools or technical institutes. Approximately twelve percent elected to join the world of work or the military, while two percent were exchange students.

While students continued to achieve above state and national levels in the SATs, Advanced Placement test scores in English Language and Literature, United States History, and Calculus indicated that more than 80 percent of those taking the tests earned scores of 3 or above, thus entitling them to college credit. Ten high school students earned Commended Student status from the National Merit Scholarship competition, while Easton's Academic Bowl Team again won the honor as champion of the South Shore League.

Several students took advantage of dual enrollment opportunities at Bridgewater State and Massasoit, while others were involved in Coursework at Stonehill College for both high school and college credit. The Business and Technology Department's Shadow Program, improving career education, had sixty-seven students shadow local company employees for a day to learn about a previously selected occupation. Also, courses in Industrial Technology and Business earned Tech Prep status from technical higher education schools.

A number of high school and junior high school students were trained in conflict resolution and peer mediation strategies. This has proven to be a very effective means of resolving student issues and peer conflicts.

At the junior high school, Peer Assistant Leaders continued to provide assistance for students new to the building. In addition to providing information to grade 6 students at the two intermediate schools, students assisted at all afternoon and evening functions held at the junior high school and started a bottle and can recycling project to support charitable programs and student activities . Also at the junior high school, the National

Junior Honor Society welcomed sixty-five new members into the Society and undertook a number of community projects, including the NRT Harvest Fair, the Lions Club Auction, the Mainspring House clothing initiative, assisting at the elementary school field days, and tutoring students after school who needed this extra help.

The Art Department continued to oversee many contests so that students had an opportunity to compete in a variety of arenas. These included Children's Museum/Boston Symphony Orchestra, NRT, Easton Lions Club, Easton Water Department, Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards, Wang Center, Stonehill College, and Art All-State. Major winners and honorees during the year included Danielle Stapleton, Evon Rutchik, Marc Sherman, Patrick McLaughlin, Brian Field, Kathryn Biggieri, Mandy Stone, Alicia Mason, Andrew Eaton, Kim Heckman, Kathy Van Zandt, Erin Hurley, Rod Flores, Hillary Andrus, Jim Fidler, and Nipha Saeteng. Student work was exhibited at many locations throughout the year, including the high school's alumni art gallery, the central administration office, the "Welcome Mat" mural in the high school, the Easton Water Department, the Fuller Art Museum, the Easton Marketplace, the Brockton Art Center, the Attleboro Art Museum, the Transportation Building in Boston, Stonehill College, the Smarts Collaborative, and the Wang Center.

In Music, the OAHS Marching Band had its most successful season to date, achieving the highest score ever recorded in the history of NESBA band competitions as it won the all-New England Scholastic Band Championship from NESBA and completed an undefeated season. The band also came in third place out of thirty-three bands in it's division in competition at the Meadowlands in New Jersey. The Oliver Ames Jazz Band won the Silver Medal at the Southeast District Jazz Festival, and performed at the Berklee College Jazz Festival. The Junior High Jazz Band again received the gold medal at the Southeast District Jazz Festival. The OAHS Show Choir, Panache, received Silver Medals at the Central Massachusetts Show Choir Festival and the Eastern Show Choir Festival, and hosted the Bay State Show Choir Festival. The 1996 OAHS musical production of "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" was directed by Mrs. Haugh and proved to be a tremendous success. The Easton Junior High School Orchestra competed in the Massachusetts Festival in Duxbury, where it received a Gold Medal rating, and the Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Chorus students of the junior high school earned a Gold Medal in the Great East Music Festival in North Andover. Kirstie Shepard, Aaron Fiske and Jennifer Terhune participated in the 1996 All-State Festival, Aaron Fiske was recommended for All-East, and Jeff LaBelle was Principal Trumpet in the Jazz Ensemble. Jennifer McGill was Principal Violist and Caroline Rizzo was assistant Principal Violist in the 1996 Junior District Festival. TEMPO continued to provide much financial and emotional support.

At the elementary level, the All-Elementary School Orchestra performed at each of the intermediate schools in the spring, and each intermediate school hosted a school band, orchestra, and chorus which performed during the holiday season at the respective schools.

In Social Studies, students were involved in Student Government Day, Mock Trial experience, a junior high school archeological dig, the Model United Nations, the National Geography Bee for Grades 7 and 8, the Washington, D.C. Close Up Program, the two day Hockomock Senate, Student Government Day, the national C-SPAN Teleconference, Community Service, and the Pvt. George F. Schindler Post of the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest. James Lucey was the local winner of the junior high school National Geography Bee, Thomas Dempsey, Andrew Boch, and Audrey Rose were the winners of the Voice of Democracy Contest, Courtney Harrington and Thomas Percy effectively represented Easton at the annual Massachusetts student legislative day, and Andrew Boch represented the George Shepard Post #7 in the American Legion's oratorical contest.

The World Language Department continued its exchange initiative with Forges-les-Eaux, France with its tenth exchange program, and completed its first exchange initiative with the Institute Gredos San Diego in Madrid, Spain. A group of junior high school students also toured French Canada during the summer.

In Family and Consumer Sciences, students baked cookies for the Easton Firefighters annual children's party, quilted baby quilts for donation to needy children, donated handsewn cloth dolls to the Boston City Hospital pediatric ward, cooked holiday meals for elderly citizens involved with the Council of Aging, prepared refreshments for the Science Fair and the Model United Nations buffet, altered prom gowns, and sponsored outdoor barbeques for the three junior high school classes.

Students in English Department classes were involved in numerous activities during the year. Karen Leite and Poonam Modha won the department's annual sonnet writing contest, while Randall Livingston won honorable mention in this year's Rodman Ford essay contest. To encourage writing across the curriculum, students focused on writing assignments from other disciplines in addition to those assigned by their English teachers. Grade 7 students presented a Poetry Festival, grade 8 students studied Shakespeare to complement their social studies unit on ancient Rome, grade 9 students focused on research, composition and documentation to complete their social studies United Nations reports, and sophomores created original myths after a study of epic heroes. Grade 11 and 12 students saw The Scarlet Letter come alive with a live dramatization, visited Sheep Pasture to enrich their study of Henry David Thoreau, and viewed a dramatic presentation of Louisa May Alcott's time.

In Physical Education, participation in the high school interclass volleyball tournament was excellent. Several hundred students also took part in the junior high school's "Muscato Mile" in the spring, while individual school track meets and spring field days brought together the student, staff and parent volunteer communities.

The following Industrial Arts students received awards in the Dr. Thomas King Memorial Drafting Contest: Electro-Mechanical Drafting - Nicholas Starusky and Efthimios Kotsiopoulos; Architectural Drafting - Sara Vakil. Students awarded valuable research

dictionaries by the New England Institute of Technology for their recognized skills in selected fields were Maura Herlihy, Jason Linde, Efthimios Kotsiopoulos, Nicholas Starusky, Christopher Palm, Donald Richardi, Anthony Guarracino, and Eric Beatty. Graduating seniors won Technology Department Awards as follows: Scott Hruzd in Machining and Metal Technology; Eric Beatty in Woodworking Technology; Dan Richardi in Power Technology and Small Engine Repair; Jennifer Williams in Architectural Drafting; and, Tracey Buckley in Engineering Graphics.

Elementary school students continued to achieve and find success in a variety of forums. Among the areas to be highlighted are the following: the outstanding projects displayed in the elementary school invention conventions; the success shown in the New England Math League; the accomplishments of the Future Problem Solving Teams; student participation in the social competency programs; the DARE Program and World of Difference curriculum; and individual school programs for students such as school stores, student newsletters and newspapers, artists-in-residence, and citizen of the month programs.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teachers in all the elementary schools continued their involvement in a number of initiatives this past year: Social Competency Training, Math Their Way, Visualizing and Verbalizing, the Project Palms Summer institute, the First Steps Writing Program, Literature Based Reading and Whole Language, Inquiry Science, Cooperative Learning, Technology, Claris Works, Interdisciplinary Teaching, Teaching Thinking Skills, Multiple Intelligences Theory, and Special Education Inclusion Practices.

At the secondary level staff were involved in initiatives that included Writing Across the Curricula, Peer Mediation and Conflict Resolution, Process Writing, the First Steps Writing Program, Cooperative Learning, Diversity in the Classroom and the School, Special Education Inclusion, Team Teaching, Techniques for Addressing Inappropriate Adolescent Behavior, Technology Assisted Instruction and the Internet, Claris Works, Authentic Assessment, Performance Assessment, and Multiple Intelligences Theory.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT/ACTIVITIES

At the intermediate school level, staff from the Center and Lincoln Street Intermediate Schools worked with a consultant to focus on the change process, team building, and team decision making in the development of the intermediate school model. Also, a joint subcommittee representing the two intermediate schools began addressing transition issues relative to the move into the Richardson and Olmstead Schools.

Chris Margulies worked with staff members throughout the school district on professional development, the creation of technology and curriculum guides, the formation of a new technology club at the high school, and technology troubleshooting in the various school buildings.

Moreau Hall School teacher Patricia Gentile received a commemorative bronze medallion as a "Christa Teacher." This distinguished honor from the Christa McAuliffe Center recognized Ms. Gentile for her inspirational service as a teacher and outstanding motivator of children.

Kerrin Walker, a new addition to the special education staff at Parkview School, received her Masters Degree from the University of Massachusetts, where she was named Scholar of the Year.

Marie Coleman, Grade 5 teacher at Center School, traveled in the summer to Gettysburg, Fort McHenry and Chincoteague, Virginia. Her video camera tapings became instrumental additions to various facets of the grade 5 social studies and language arts curriculum. Also, Katherine Mooney of the secondary English Department traveled to England during the summer to attend a series of lectures on the English mystery-writing tradition. Her studies have been incorporated into a new unit for English Literature.

Bonnie Charlbois coached the successful junior high school math team, while Flora Hall continued to supervise the Business Department's Shadow program. Special mention also to Jean Balboni and Charlene Howarth of the English Department, who received their Masters Degrees, and to Ken Brooks and Doc Harrison, who attended a week long seminar on the application of graphing calculators to math and science concepts. Also, Pat Steiner and Gail McCarthy represented the junior high school in its first year as one of the eleven school system members of the Cranberry Alliance of Middle Schools.

Arnie Casavant of the Art Department and Jaan Veenpere of the Industrial Technology Department continued their collaborative efforts that allowed students from both departments to work cooperatively on computer projects through an integrative curriculum and space utilization approach. Also, Art Department members sponsored an Alumni Art Show in June, with graduates exhibiting their works of art at the high school.

Charlene Haugh continued to direct the Chorus at Stonehill College, served as a clinician and adjudicator for Show Choir Camps of America, and taught a summer graduate course on Musical Theatre and Show Choir. Scott Trach served as a member of the Massachusetts Judges Association and was selected as President of NESBA. Doug Anderson was the Massachusetts Coordinator of the National High School Honors Orchestra, and served as guest conductor of the Western District Junior High School Festival Orchestra and the United States Youth String Ensemble which performed this summer throughout Europe. Carol Porter, a new addition to the Music Department staff, directs the children's choir at Unity Church in Easton.

Maureen Sherback, guidance counselor at the Easton Junior High School, was honored by her peers in the South Shore Guidance Association as the Guidance Counselor of the Year.
Maureen also served with Lois Miller as co-advisor of the Peer Assistant Leadership Program at the junior high school, while Lois teamed with Bob Kass to coordinate the

junior high's Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation Program. Fran Yung and Caroline Paulino coordinated the high school's Peer Mediation Program.

Jean Churchill and Kathy Williams Harp of the Business and Technology Department were extremely active in the Future Business Leaders of America Club, devoting an inordinate amount of time and effort during the summer months on behalf of Easton's program. Also, Jaan Veenpere, chair of Easton's Industrial Technology Department, was selected by his peers as President of the New England Drafting Teachers Association.

Science Department members Bill Keach, Kasi Lundberg, Diane Maguire, Keith Sauer and Dave Ryan developed an environmental science curriculum that was adopted by the School Committee and instituted in the fall of 1996 at the ninth grade level. Bill Keach, as a result of his involvement in examining new water sources for the Taunton River Watershed, has been nominated by the Easton Water Department as Youth Educator of the Year.

Social Studies Department chair Hazel Varella and staff member Ellen Simmons participated with thirty-nine Oliver Ames students in the Washington, D.C. Close-Up Program, while sixteen other students were involved with Evelyn Johnson in the annual European study program over April vacation. Mrs. Varella also arranged a special orientation for grade 9 students at Stonehill College that introduced the students to the electronic information retrieval opportunities at the library.

Fran Ialenti, World Languages Department chair, presented a session at both the Northeast Conference in World Language Education and the American Council of Foreign Languages. Lucia Pins received her Masters Degree in June, while other members of the department pursued additional certifications, graduate Coursework and utilized MCET telecourse offerings throughout the year.

Through Industrial Technology, all repairs on equipment and furniture were done under the direction of Vinnie Mack and his students. Also, staff members completed a number of courses for professional improvement, including Coursework on engine troubleshooting and maintenance.

Kathy Kenney, Library and Media chair, made use of several new technologies including a multi media cart for both library and classroom use. The circulation system was updated with a more powerful computer, and the print collection in the high school library can now be accessed by computer.

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

In keeping with the cycle of curriculum evaluation and revision, the Curriculum Coordinating Council under the direction of Dr. Judi Frederick, Assistant Superintendent, continued work on the curriculum frameworks that have been approved to date or are under consideration by the Deaprtment of Education. Seven standing curriculum

committees are working under the direction of the coordinating council: Science, headed by Michael Green; Math, co-chaired by Andy Miller and Doc Harrison; Reading/Language Arts/English, headed up by Sarah Gallahue, Mary Ellen Toscano and Joan Nicholaides; Health, chaired by Jim Mitchell; Technology, co-chaired by Duncan Oliver and Jean Churchill; Physical Education, chaired by Ron Trinque; and Social Studies, overseen by Peggy Lynch and Hazel Varella.

The Curriculum Coordinating Council also continued the task of examining Easton's overall curriculum relative to the statewide expectations set by the Education Reform Act. Easton's K-6 Science Curriculum and K-6 Math Curriculum were approved by the School Committee, as well as the K-12 English/Language Arts/Reading Curriculum and the K-12 Health Curriculum. The goal of curriculum development is an ongoing one, as the state works to complete the curriculum frameworks in the various subject areas. In line with this, the role of technology in each of the curriculum areas is critical to the implementation of curriculum goals.

While the Easton Technology Task Force focused on long-range planning in the Easton Public Schools, technology outcomes for the elementary grades have now been approved by the School Committee. Technology outcomes for the secondary grades will be approved in 1997. Technology expectations for all grades and equity among the schools in equipment and programs continue to be major focus areas for the school system. With all schools now linked through the institutional loop, availability of programs and the ability to interact through telephone via satellite has greatly enhanced curricular opportunities for students. The MEOL 5-Year Technology Plan was approved by the School Committee in November and submitted to the Department of Education for approval and grant funding.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At OA more than 50% of OA students participated in an athletic activity, with nearly 25% participating in music or drama.

A number of the 20 varsity sports teams were very successful this past year. The baseball team, boys tennis team, girls and boys basketball teams, and girls soccer team all qualified for MIAA tournament competition. The golf team, baseball team, and girls soccer teams all won Hockomock League titles. The boys basketball team made it all the way to the Division II South Finals. The boys cross country team also fared well in Divisional and State competition, with sophomore Andy Powell leading the team to a second place finish at the All-State Meet. Many Easton athletes were selected to league all-star teams and recognized by area media outlets, including Andy Powell as the Division II Cross Country athlete of the year by the Boston Globe.

In addition to the varsity sports teams, students had the opportunity to participate in 9 junior varsity programs, 4 freshman programs and 7 programs at the Easton Junior High School. Programs completely supported by outside funding groups included the

freshman field hockey team, the grade 7 and grade 8 girls and boys soccer teams, the ski team and the varsity swimming team.

The Easton community and various booster groups again made significant contributions to our athletic program, helping to purchase new uniforms and to sponsor end-of-the-year awards banquets. A highlight of the spring season was the baseball team's trip to Cooperstown, New York, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame. The trip was funded by the Baseball Boosters Club. The student athletes and coaches of the Easton Public Schools are again extremely appreciative of the financial and fan support provided by the community.

CONCLUSION

The last year was again a time of change and transition within the school system. While we continue to be concerned about resources for the expectations that we have for ourselves and our increased student population, we also continue to be grateful for our many blessings. We appreciate the support of the School Parent Advisory Councils, School Councils, the various booster groups, and F.E.E.E.; the hard work and dedication of the School Committee; and, the excellent and cooperative working relationships among all the members of the entire staff as well as between the schools and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

William Simmons
Superintendent of Schools

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Easton School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton.

At the Annual Town election in April 1996, William Braun was elected to serve a three year term while, Caroline O'Neill, an incumbent, was elected to serve for another three years of a three year term.

In May/June the Committee reviewed the School Council Improvement Plans, submitted by representatives from each school. The representatives presented each school's goals and objectives for the Committee's approval. The Committee viewed each school's plans and objectives and developed a set of system wide goals which served to set standards of equalization for improvements throughout the system.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives for the system were established by the School Committee with the collaboration of the principals, and Superintendent. Five goals were established which were a continuation and expansion of the previous years goals. The enhancement of credibility and trust in the school system to increase support for education in Easton, was expanded to include exploration and engagement of energies in alternative sources of funding to complement the school system's budget.

Another goal was to implement the requirements of the 1993 School Reform Act and efficiently utilize resources available to the schools as a result of this legislation. This included working with the Town in planning and reducing costs and in identifying appropriate school related expenses.

The third goal was to continue long-range planning for the improvement of the Easton Public Schools programs and facilities by preparing for the closing of the two schools, NEG and Lincoln Street Intermediate School. This included addressing transition issues of K-3 and 4-6 grade levels and review of class configurations and addressing accompanying system wide transportation practices. The third objective of this goal included a plan for initiation and funding of Teaming for Grade 7 level for the 1997-1998 school year.

The fourth goal was to provide professional development opportunities which meet the needs of the system as part of the Department of Education requirements, as well as the needs of the Easton educational community.

The fifth goal of developing formal personnel practices and procedures in the school system to include a revision and review of personal evaluation process.

BUDGET

The system submitted a proposed budget of $15,707,295, for FY'97, an increase of 6.9% over FY'96 of $14,697,327. Of that figure, $250,000 was allocated to new positions necessary to accommodate class size mandates, increasing enrollment, programmatic needs and SPED inclusion/preschool demands. This increase of 6.9% allowed a forward momentum for new positions and professional development initiatives, yet the school funding still remained below the State Per Pupil Average.

PERSONNEL

Those valued staff members who left the system through retirement or other reasons are mentioned for their contribution to our system. We extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the following people: Gail Dacey, William Dissinger, Kathleen Feldman, Susan Goodrich, Linda Green, Patricia Manzoni, Cynthia Obermann, Bonnie Showstack, Dorothy Sundell, Jaquline Swanson, Richard Tellier, M. David Varella and Kathleen Watson.

DECISIONS AND POLICIES

A number of decisions and policy implementations were made by the School Committee which made critical and positive impact within the system. A Sexual Harassment Policy was adopted October 29, 1996, which included Easton Public Schools commitment to maintaining an environment free of harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation or disability. This policy became a spring board of numerous curriculum, and school wide based programs, designed to enlighten and culturate an acceptance of diversity within our schools.

The changing of kindergarten sessions mid year was discontinued effective for the 1996-1997 school year. Children assigned to morning and afternoon sessions will remain in the same sessions throughout the year. This change was instituted based upon a pilot program and survey conducted in 1995-1996 at Moreau Hall, N.E.G. and Parkview Schools, which included educational feedback from teachers, principals and parents.

The Time and Learning Implementation Plan for Easton, approved by the School Committee, July 1996, was accepted by the Department of Education, on October 4, 1996. Included within the mandated increase of learning time for students, was a teacher negotiated additional eight minutes of learning time for all students, grades 1-12, starting September 1997 and four additional minutes for Kindergarten students. Easton continues to meet the standards as required by the Student Learning Time Regulations.

NEW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

The 1996-1997 year saw the construction of the two intermediate schools begin and work towards completion in July, 1997. The two structures were named, H. H. Richardson Intermediate School, and F. L. Olmstead Intermediate School. These names were chose by a committee, from suggestions made by grade three students throughout the system. In FY'96, the legislature appropriated extra funding for FY'97 which moved Easton's school reimbursement schedule to #11 on the new priority list. The project funding status appears to be funded as anticipated in FY'98.

CURRICULUM MODIFICATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATIONS

The School Committee approved the K-6 Mathematics curriculum on May 16, 1996, and the Professional Development Plan for the 1996-1997 school year. On May 28, 1996, the Health Curriculum was approved. On December 12, 1996, the Committee approved the K-12 English, Language Arts Curriculum and approved the new life Science Strand, K-6 curriculum on January 9, 1997.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This past year demonstrated a forward momentum in education for the students in Easton. The goals established in FY'96 were met and expanded for FY'97. Increased school monies provided for impacts in both additions to curriculum and additions to staff. The refinement and implementation of changes to curriculum coupled with Professional Development activities for staff allowed for the development of greater opportunities for learning for the students of Easton.

The continuation and work completed by the School Improvement Councils continued to empower parental impact on the direction of each school both in support and in changes for the betterment of the schools. The interface with the School Committee and the School Councils forged a partnership of cooperative planning and enhancement of education.

Under the leadership and supervision of the Superintendent, Dr. William Simmons, all short term goals established by the School Committee, for FY'96, were accomplished, while significant progress was made on all long term goals as well. This achievement of the School system's goals coupled with the support and dedication of the educational staff, principals and administrative leaders created one of Easton's most productive and positive years of educational growth and development ever. Dr. Simmons' continued endeavors to forge positive working relationships with parents, teachers, and town officials have created an atmosphere of pride in individual work performance and an atmosphere in which individuals have worked with enthusiasm and support.

Dr. Judith Fredrick, Assistant Superintendent has continued to create pathways to excellence for curriculum and professional development. Mr. John Walsh, Assistant to the Superintendent has demonstrated an important role in the day to day operating activities of the school system. Mr. Walsh's dedication to the tasks and diligence to detail necessary for the successful completion of the new school, has been in part helpful for the school construction project to meet the deadline of construction completion in July 1997.

Finally, we the members of the Easton School Committee take our responsibilities as policy makers with enthusiasm and care in a manner that best represents the citizens of Easton and the students to insure that the schools operate as a system and that each student is guaranteed educational opportunities that will assist them in becoming good citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla A. Goodwin, Chair
Michael K. Manning, Vice-Chair
Lennart K. Altieri
William Braun
Caroline O'Neill
EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MR. RALPH ARMSTEAD, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER

The Massachusetts Education Reform Act challenges educators to improve student performance so that all students in the Commonwealth are prepared to be active and productive citizens in the 21st century. The implementation of Education Reform has educators reexamining numerous aspects of school programs, structures, curriculum, performance standards, finance, professional preparation and administrative requirements. Changes in standards for students, teachers, organizational policy and structures have all been made as a result of the Education Reform Act. These changes have had an impact on all school districts and school programs, including vocational-technical education.

This past June the Southeastern Regional School District completed its twenty-ninth year of operation. Southeastern offers twenty-four secondary and seven post-secondary technical training programs. On October 1, 1995 there were 1262 students enrolled in the school district.

Easton's share of the $11,655,758 fiscal 97 school budget is $324,230. This is 6.42% of the assessment and represents eighty-one students.

Federal grants such as Carl Perkins, Title I, 94-142, competitive Displaced Homemakers, and Regional Employment Board grants were used to offset equipment and personnel costs.

The school district was fortunate to receive donations of equipment, computers, and supplies from district businesses. The automotive department received new Saturn, Chrysler and Ford automobiles. These donations will allow our students to remain current working on new vehicles and state-of-the-art technology.

Our students continue to excel in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and Cosmetology students were sent to the national VICA competition. Students also participate in peer counseling, peer mediation, American Diversity Dynamics Club, peace week activities, and Commercial Foods students visited the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York.

Corrine Williams, a Commercial Art student from Brockton, ranking first in her class, was chosen our Most Outstanding Vocational Student and received an award and scholarship that were presented to her at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges Fifth-Year Focus Accreditation Visit occurred this past October. The evaluation committee will present their findings to the New England Commission in May of 1997. The Medical Laboratory program received a three and one-half year accreditation based upon progress reports submitted in

compliance with nationally stated requirements. Our Licensed Practical Nurse program was also re-accredited by the Massachusetts Board of Accreditation.

Southeastern had an extensive on-site facility assessment by the Department of Environmental Protection who enforces laws, regulations, orders, licenses, permits and approvals in regards to hazardous waste materials and air pollution control. The final report of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs found no non-compliance issues for the school district.

A Teacher Technology Center was established to provide area teachers with high quality, low cost instruction in classroom applications of computers.

The demand for high school and technical institute graduates continues to be very strong and our annual placement rate exceeds 95%.

Southeastern is appreciative for the cooperation and support received from the residents of Easton

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance June 30, 1995 6,747,454.67

Receipts:

Personal Property Taxes	299,230.36
Real Estate Taxes	18,120,946.59
Tax Liens Redeemed	269,521.30
Litigated Taxes Collected	14,168.71
MVE Collected 8 of 58	2,977.82
Other Taxes	12,424.69
In Lieu of Taxes	3,904.05
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	1,578,655.05
Penalty & Interest RE/PP Taxes	58,503.30
Penalty & Interest M/V Taxes	27,953.16
Penalty & Interest Tax Liens	87,830.62
Penalty & Interest - Other Taxes	46.02
Municipal Mge Fee Tax Liens	3,305.19
RMV Excise Surcharge	14,240.00
Penalty & Interest Litigated Taxes	3,819.88
Alcoholic Licenses	48,269.00
Ambulance Fees	235,222.58
Assessors Maps And Fees	1,091.77
Auto Licenses-Class 6 & 2	1,951.00
Board of Appeals Fees	3,250.00
Building Department Permits	118,189.00
Common Vic Licenses	3,266.00
Conservation Fees	62.00
Data Processing Fees	113.00
Dog License	27,470.00
Dog Fees & Fines	5,815.00
Electronic Games	250.00
Sunday Entertainment License	866.00
Gas Permits	5,549.00
Fire Department Fees	35.00
Smoke Detectors	6,630.00
Oil Burners	1,485.00
Blasting Permits	125.00
Propane Permits	390.00
Tank Removal Permits	1,915.00
Fire Reports	172.00
Fire Alarms	19,440.00
Landfill Stickers	129,248.70
Miscellaneous Income	191,631.67
Miscellaneous Ambulance	3,301.24
Municipal Lien Certificates	27,875.00
Parking Fines	10,102.58

Planning Board Advertising	2,600.00
Planning Board Applications	4,025.00
Planning Board - Misc.	85.05
Planning Board Books	950.00
Planning Board Sale of Maps	204.00
Police Department Alarms	11,100.00
Police Department Firearm IDs	172.00
Police Department Pistol Permits	6,010.00
Police Department Reports	3,365.80
Police Detail Fees	9,458.76
Sealer Weights & Measures	340.00
Parking Surcharge	20.00
Street Excavation Permit	798.00
Town Clerk Fees	20,664.20
Trailer Park Fees	13,176.00
Wiring Permits	16,679.00
Abatements To Surviving Spouses	1,575.00
Abatements To The Blind	1,575.00
Abatements To The Elderly	36,696.00
State Aid To Education Ch 70	3,987,094.00
CS School Transportation	187,606.00
Police Career Incentives	56,497.00
Veterans Benefits	74,261.33
Local Aid-Lottery	1,225,692.00
Other Misc Cherry Sheet Items	13,261.00
Court Fines	103,109.44
Earnings On Investments	346,438.07
Disposal Works Const Permit	12,600.00
Disposal Works Const Repair Permit	6,100.00
Installer's Permits	3,950.00
Highway Reconst & Maintanance Fund	171,140.00
Milk Licenses	440.00
Dumpster permits	3,150.00
Dumpster Service & Transport	900.00
Transport Offal	1,200.00
Funeral Directors	100.00
Swimming Pool Permits	750.00
Tanning Facilities	450.00
Non-alcoholic Beverages	25.00
Cabins, Motels, Mobile Home Park	100.00
Massage Permits	250.00
Recreation Offset Receipts	28,745.00
Reimbursements	81,498.34
Payroll Withholdings	6,852,838.36
Unclaimed Checks	4,316.61
Refundable Dog Deposits	80.00
Deposits To Guarantee Payment	21,300.00
Percolation Test	12,700.00
Test Holes	75.00

Tobacco Sales Permits	130.00
Available Fund Transfers	121,977.97
Premium - Sale of Bonds	33,513.76
Ch 85 Grant	132,309.31
Oaks Ames Hall Renovations	100,000.00
Insurance Reimbursements	36,545.79
School Lunch Revenue	472,472.99
Water Enterprise Fund	1,684,297.84
Special Revenue School Fund	233,492.00
Special Revenue Revolving Funds	779,490.77
Ames Trust Funds	272,150.00
Reim. for Loss of Taxes,State Owned Land	16,447.00
Special Revenue Gifts & Grants Funds	565,448.67
Conservation Commission 53E 1/2	16,033.50
Other Liabilities	135.34
Loans in Advance of Serial Bonds	10,408,000.00
	49,539,848.18

Disbursements Per Treasury Warrants		(44,202,283.63)
Balance June 30, 1996		**12,085,019.22**
STABILIZATION FUND		
Balance June 30, 1995	404,647.18	
Receipts:		
Interest Income	9,042.12	
Disbursements	(165,695.00)	
Balance June 30, 1996	247,994.30	
CONSERVATION FUND		
Balance June 30, 1995	145,589.02	
Receipts:		
Interest Income	4,819.04	
Disbursements	(8,162.50)	
Balance June 30, 1996	142,245.56	
WORLD WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Balance June 30, 1995	51,571.68	
Receipts:		
Interest Income	2,294.30	
Disbursements	(1,300.00)	
Balance June 30, 1996	52,565.98	
YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Balance June 30, 1995	3,139.33	
Receipts:		
Interest Income	142.29	
Balance June 30, 1996	3,281.62	

ELLEN A. ATWOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Balance June 30, 1995	2,085.80
Receipts:	
Interest Income	94.53
Balance June 30, 1996	2,180.33
MARY A. STONE SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Balance June 30, 1995	6,035.98
Receipts:	
Interest Income	273.59
Balance June 30, 1996	6,309.57
MARY A. STONE LIBRARY FUND	
Balance June 30, 1995	5,077.57
Receipts:	
Interest Income	230.14
Balance June 30, 1996	5,307.71
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND	
Balance June 30, 1995	12,877.28
Receipts	707.83
Disbursements	(707.83)
Balance June 30, 1996	12,877.28
POLICE FORFEITURE ACCOUNT	
Balance June 30, 1995	27,779.52
Receipts:	
Interest Income	512.28
Disbursements	(16,003.66)
Balance June 30, 1996	12,288.14
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND	
Balance June 30, 1995	51,586.21
Receipts:	
Interest	2,879.13
Balance June 30, 1996	54,465.34
PENSION RESERVE FUND	
Balance June 30, 1995	312,151.93
Receipts:	
Appropriation	30,000.00
Interest	16,247.12
Disbursements	(30,000.00)
Balance June 30, 1996	328,399.05

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
DEBT STATEMENT
JUNE 30, 1996

BONDS	DATE OF ISSUE	ISSUE AMOUNT	6/30/95 OUTSTANDING	PRINCIPAL PAID FY'96	INTEREST PAID FY'96	6/30/96 OUTSTANDING
Police Addition (1)	8/15/88	2,168,000	1,444,000	121,000	96,845.00	1,323,000
Police Remodeling (1)	8/15/88	632,000	210,000	70,000	12,250.00	140,000
Landfill Capping	8/15/88	870,000	348,000	87,000	21,315.00	261,000
Water Bonds	8/15/88	620,000	426,000	33,000	28,665.00	393,000
Road Repairs	8/15/88	355,000	117,000	39,000	6,825.00	78,000
Center School Roof	7/1/92	250,000	180,000	30,000	8,025.00	150,000
Four School Roofs	7/1/92	1,475,000	1,275,000	100,000	65,250.00	1,175,000
Road Repairs	7/1/92	775,000	385,000	195,000	12,932.50	190,000
Fire Truck	7/1/92	200,000	100,000	50,000	3,375.00	50,000
Computer	7/1/92	50,000	35,000	5,000	1,607.50	30,000
Dam Engineering	7/1/92	20,000	10,000	5,000	337.50	5,000
Well & Pumping Station	7/1/92	450,000	390,000	30,000	20,025.00	360,000
Water Bonds	7/1/92	300,000	260,000	20,000	13,350.00	240,000
Water Bonds	3/15/93	150,000	50,000	50,000	1,945.00	0
Water Bonds	10/1/94	375,000	375,000	55,000	19,552.50	320,000
Road repairs	10/1/94	700,000	700,000	90,000	36,215.00	610,000
School Renovations	10/1/94	275,000	275,000	30,000	14,327.50	245,000
Water Mains	10/1/94	550,000	550,000	45,000	28,805.00	505,000
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT			7,130,000	1,055,000	391,647.50	6,075,000

(1) Excluded From Levy Limit

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES:	DATE OF ISSUE	ISSUE AMOUNT	6/30/95 OUTSTANDING	PRINCIPAL PAID FY '96	INTEREST PAID FY '96	6/30/96 OUTSTANDING
School Planning	4/10/95	1,245,000.00	1,245,000.00	1,245,000.00	56,025.00	0
School Planning (renewal)	4/10/96	1,245,000.00				1,245,000.00
School Construction	4/10/96	8,510,000.00				8,510,000.00
School Remodeling	4/10/96	254,000.00				254,000.00
Streets/Sidewalks	4/10/96	177,000.00				177,000.00
Police Communications	4/10/96	222,000.00				222,000.00
TOTAL SHORT TERM DEBT			1,245,000.00	1,245,000.00	56,025.00	10,408,000.00

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	PRINCIPAL	BALANCE 6/30/95	INCOME	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE 6/30/96
Furnace Village Cemetery	12,879.16	21,998.67	882.94	1,430.00	21,451.61
Pine Grove Cemetery	3,400.00	3,656.79	164.45	153.00	3,668.24
Immaculate Conception Cemetery	4,373.85	7,569.49	312.63	293.00	7,589.12
South Easton Cemetery	9,397.43	9,794.06	320.90	235.00	9,879.96
Miscellaneous Town Cemeteries	10,830.25	18,511.23	656.68	2,494.00	16,673.91
TOTALS	40,880.69	61,530.24	2,337.60	4,605.00	59,262.84

ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLES

Balance - June 30, 1995	797,126.94
Additions:	
Takings through FY `95 Taxes	132,218.83
Subsequent Taxes Added	258,007.86
Deductions:	
Redemptions	(269,521.30)
Balance - June 30, 1996	917,832.33

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia M. Curry
Town Treasurer

SCHEDULE OF TAXES AND WATER RATES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1996

	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 1995	Commitments	Abatements Adjustments & Disclaimers	Transfers To Tax Title	Taxes in Litigation	Collections, Net of Refunds	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 1996
Personal Property							
1992	$546	$0	$306	$0	$0	$240	$0
1993	858		770			51	37
1994	1,863		358			237	1,268
1995	5,251		0			1,236	4,015
1996	298,709		69			297,467	1,173
Totals	$307,227	$0	$1,503	$0	$0	$299,231	$6,493
Real Estate							
1993	($6,203)	$0	$2,504	$0	$0	($8,707)	$0
1994	0						0
1995	345,716	(2,527)	7,400	120,309	3,018	212,462	0
1996	0	18,499,956	95,605	230,669	16,058	17,908,485	249,139
Totals	$339,513	$18,497,429	$105,509	$350,978	$19,076	$18,112,240	$249,139

SCHEDULE OF TAXES AND WATER RATES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1996

	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 1995	Commitments	Abatements Adjustments & Disclaimers	Transfers to Tax Title	Taxes in Litigation	Collections, Net of Refunds	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 1996
Motor Vehicle Excise							
1986	$18,570	$0	$0	$0	$0	$278	$18,292
1987	22,560					418	22,142
1988	29,960	0				535	29,425
1989	29,239					1,172	28,067
1990	26,892					1,897	24,995
1991	19,149	114				1,543	17,720
1992	15,466					1,119	14,347
1993	20,209					3,895	16,242
1994	35,983	6,309	3,192			19,261	19,839
1995	141,928	256,858	27,115			333,231	38,440
1996	0	1,501,463	60,366			1,217,833	223,264
	$359,956	$1,764,744	$90,673	$0	$0	$1,581,182	$452,773
Water Rates and Services	$145,753	$1,545,303	($492)	$0	$0	$1,543,992	$147,556

June 30, 1995

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Curry
COLLECTOR OF TAXES

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Receipts
July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996

Taxes Collected for 1996	$19,440,627.41
Taxes Collected for 1995	$589,770.73
Taxes Collected for 1994	$21,462.73
Taxes Collected for 1993	$3,956.91
Taxes Collected for 1992	$1,362.89
Taxes Collected for 1991	$1,549.58
Taxes Collected for 1990	$1,897.92
Taxes Collected for 1989	$1,172.92
Taxes Collected for 1988	$535.01
Taxes Collected for 1987	$557.29
Taxes Collected for 1986	$278.28
Water Liens Collected	$62,099.81
Water Betterment's Collected	$15,171.78
Committed Interest Collected	$14,785.70
Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Liens	$178,106.96
Water Betterment Releases	$64.00
Trailer Park Fees	$13,176.00
Certificates of Municipal Liens	$27,875.00
Ambulance Fees	$235,222.58
TOTAL	$20,609,673.50

June 30, 1996

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Curry
COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

I hereby submit the report of the town accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1996. My report also includes the June 30, 1996 balance sheet.

The books of the Town of Easton were closed as of June 30, 1996 all financial statements were prepared as of that date. Reports due the Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services have been forwarded to them as prescribed by law.

Thevenin & Company, P.C., 71 Legion Parkway, Brockton, Massachusetts, has completed the audit of the town's financial records as of June 30, 1996.

The data processing department continues to operate as a division of this department as we continue to update our data processing operations.

Ernest R. Camara
Town Accountant

TOWN OF EASTON

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET **30-Jun-96**

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND 1	SCHOOL LUNCH 12	PUBLIC LAWS 15	REVOLVING FUNDS 16	AMES TRUST 17	GRANTS 18	SPEC.REV. CONSERV. 19	COMPLETION OF ROADS 22	TOWN TRUSTS 24	CAPITOL PROJECTS 30-40	WATER DEPARTMENT 61-65	TRUST FUNDS 81-82	TOTAL
Petty Cash	$200.00			$12,000.00		$2,000.00							$14,200.00
Cash-Unrestr.Checking	$3,572,637.00		($7,694.69)	$242,890.79	$334,265.95	$234,286.69	$15,140.07	$68,504.79	$773,104.25	$5,932,446.48	$1,692,542.14		$12,858,123.47
Cash-Unrestr.Savings												$79,777.78	$79,777.78
Cash-Restricted Savings												$74,295.69	$74,295.69
Personal Property Taxes	$6,493.45												$6,493.45
Real Estate Taxes	$249,139.59												$249,139.59
Tax Liens	$917,832.33												$917,832.33
Taxes In Litigation	$48,177.68												$48,177.68
Tax Foreclosures	$87,423.76												$87,423.76
Motor Vehicle Excise	$452,769.10												$452,769.10
Ambulance Services	$219,612.70												$219,612.70
Amounts To Be Passed For Snow & Ice Deficit	$158,335.89												$158,335.89
Bonds Authorized	$12,600,000.00										$1,575,000.00		$14,175,000.00
													$0.00
Water Receivables											$420,457.71		$420,457.71
Supply Inventory											$89,345.51		$89,345.51
Land											$500,000.00		$500,000.00
Buildings											$347,891.00		$347,891.00
Plant											$890,586.00		$890,586.00
Machinery & Equipment											$19,080.00		$19,080.00
Service & Meters											$206,956.00		$206,956.00
Hydrants											$16,989,876.64		$16,989,876.64
Vehicles											$260,584.98		$260,584.98
Furniture & Fixtures											$18,708.00		$18,708.00
													$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	$18,312,621.50	$0.00	($7,694.69)	$254,890.79	$334,265.95	$236,286.69	$15,140.07	$68,504.79	$773,104.25	$5,932,446.48	$23,011,027.98	$154,073.47	$49,084,667.28

TOWN OF EASTON

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET 30-Jun-96

Liabilities & Reserves	GENERAL FUND 1	SCHOOL LUNCH 12	PUBLIC LAWS 15	REVOLVING FUNDS 16	AMES TRUST 17	GRANTS 18	SPEC.REV. CONSERV. 19	COMPLETION OF ROADS 22	TOWN TRUSTS 24	CAPITOL PROJECTS 30-40	WATER DEPARTMENT 61-65	TRUST FUNDS 81-82	TOTAL
Guaranteed Deposits	$100,742.72												$100,742.72
Deferred Revenues	$1,706,923.68												$1,706,923.68
F.B.Res.Over/Under Est.													$0.00
F.B.Reserve For Enc.	$311,741.61										$529,043.02		$840,784.63
F.B.Res.For Expenditure	$273,500.00												$273,500.00
F.B.Insurance Reimb.													$0.00
Res.For Ambulance Rep.	$30,000.00												$30,000.00
Allowance Unpd w/Billing											$420,457.71		$420,457.71
Accumulated Depreciation											$3,772,047.29		$3,772,047.29
Municipal Cont.Capital											$14,999,399.24		$14,999,399.24
F.B. Water Saving Device											$3,584.14		$3,584.14
Bonds Auth.& Unissued	$12,600,000.00										$1,575,000.00		$14,175,000.00
Designated Fund Balance										$5,922,378.46	$284,441.39		$6,206,819.85
Undesig.Fund Balance	$1,772,808.77	($341.43)	($7,694.69)	$254,890.79	$334,265.95	$236,286.69	$15,140.07	$68,504.79	$773,104.25		$501,218.66	$154,073.47	$4,102,257.32
													$0.00
													$0.00
TOTAL LIAB. & RESERVES	$16,795,717.78	($329.43)	($7,679.69)	$254,906.79	$334,282.95	$236,304.69	$15,159.07	$68,526.79	$808,374.25	$5,922,378.46	$22,085,191.45	$154,073.47	$46,666,906.58

REPORT OF ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the Books and Accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1996 was made by Thevenin, O'Grady & Company, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC,
Town Clerk

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

It is indeed a pleasure for me to present this Annual Report for 1996. Having returned to Easton after a sixteen year hiatus, I have observed much progress.

The road system has never been in better condition, thanks mainly to the continuing efforts of Ed Jacobson and his staff. The water system, thanks mainly to the outstanding leadership provided by Wayne Southworth, and the superb efforts of his crew, is undoubtedly the best in the state, and has been so designated by the Massachusetts Waterworks Association. Central Maintenance has made great progress in the three years of its existence. This is in no small measure due to the efforts of Richard Hayes and the quality of the workers. Peter Huie and his staff have performed outstanding work for the Town, and produced substantial savings.

Despite the excellent work completed by the Department, there are many things that have been neglected, and much work remains to be done. Many of the problems we identified twenty or more years ago continue to plague the Town and its residents. During the long period when Town forces were severely reduced due to lack of funding, entire programs were put on long term holds. I particularly noticed that shade trees had been sorely neglected for the past six or seven years, and that many drainage problems from as long as twenty five or thirty years ago had still not been corrected. The Main Street project, which had been planned since 1983, and kept alive primarily due to the efforts of Mr. Jack Hurley, was still a long way from completion when I started work in 1996. Dams at Ames Long Pond and Morse Pond have had no work done on them since 1975. Morse Pond dam in particular is badly in need of rehabilitation, as is the Central Street bridge over Queset Brook. Underground fuel storage tanks were still existent at the D.P.W.

In addition to the obvious problems, residents are requesting new programs to improve their quality of life. Sidewalks along our major roads have been made a priority. The Central Maintenance Division has an awesome task at hand to rehabilitate the schools after many years of deferred maintenance. There are new mandates from the state that further stretch our resources. Among these are the mandate to close the sanitary landfill without funding aid, and the refusal by D.E.M. to allow development of a well field within Borderlands State Park, knowing full well that the Town has been contemplating this installation for seven years, and has spent a lot of money in planning for it.

Some of the major accomplishments of the Divisions are:

The Engineering Division has continued it's strong support of Town Boards, has designed and provided design, layout and inspection services for the road and sidewalk reconstruction projects, has completed the design for the reconstruction of New Pond and Old Pond dams, the design and construction documents for the Elm Street water main replacement, and many other smaller projects.

The Water Division has begun installation of a state of the art control system (SCADA), has performed much extra work in replacement of hydrants and services on roads being reconstructed, continued to supply the residents with safe, high quality drinking water, and responded to many water main and service breaks, as well as providing their ongoing programs for meter replacement, hydrant flushing and new service installations.

Despite an unusually high snowfall and extended winter, the Highway Division has made great progress in completing many projects. Old Farm south of Prospect Street has been completed. North of Prospect Street, new underdrains have been installed, the road surface has been pulverized and regraded and the binder course has been laid. The final top course will be completed in the spring. Extensive new underdrains have been installed on Black Brook Road and Kilsyth Road. Both roads have been pulverized and regraded, and the binder course has been installed, with the top course to be installed in the spring. Sidewalks, pulverization, regrading and binder courses have been installed on Lothrop Street, Spooner Street, Columbus Avenue and Sheridan Street in connection with the new school project. The top course will be completed in the spring. The parking area for Militia Park has been reconfigured to accommodate an additional 70 cars in the same area. Poquanticut Avenue has been pulverized, regraded and the binder course installed from South Street to Massapoag Avenue. The top course has been installed from Massapoag Avenue to Rockland Street.

The Central Maintenance Division has made great progress on the Jr. High School rehab project, which includes a myriad of improvements. Also, the bleachers at the High School gym have been completely rehabilitated , and look and operate like new. This Division has spent most of their time on replacement and repairs to electrical, HVAC and building systems in the schools and in Town buildings, and have received many well deserved complements for their work.

You have appointed me to fill the vacancy on the Joint Transportation Committee of Old Colony Planning Council. I have hopes of acquiring major funding for reconstruction of some of our major roads through the Surface Transportation Program (STP) over the next several years. Some of these projects will require minor land acquisitions, and will be temporarily disruptive to local residents, but in the long run, the reconstruction of our

major arterials with mostly non Town funds will greatly improve the flow of traffic and will solve many long-term road drainage and structural problems. If the Town does not apply for these funds, they will be used by other more aggressive communities, and may not be made available in the future.

The most significant accomplishments for 1996 have been the final removal of underground storage tanks at the D.P.W. and getting the Main Street project back on track for 1997 construction. In addition, I was successful in having the Central Street/Queset Brook crossing changed by the State from a culvert to a bridge designation. This will enable the use of federal highway funds for design and construction, and the project is already on the design list for Mass Highway.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support and cooperation, and all other Town employees, boards and departments for their cooperation in 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Hill, P.E., P.L.S.
Director

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1996 for the Highway, Maintenance of Vehicles, Landfill and Snow & Ice Divisions.

The Highway Department repaired a total of 24,492 feet of roadway through out the town this past year. We installed 4,960 feet of underdrain on Black Brook Road and Kilsyth Road. We then ground up the existing pavement, regraded and reshaped the roadway, and installed 2 1/2 inches of asphalt binder. We also installed 1,800 feet of underdrain on Berwick Road, Skoshi Road, and Wichern Road. We then reshaped the road and installed 2 1/2 inches of asphalt binder. Brookside Circle and Ridgewood Road were leveled and overlaid for a total of 910 feet. Poquanticut Avenue was also ground and reshaped from South Street to Massapoag Avenue and the asphalt binder installed. The wearing course was placed on Poquanticut Avenue from Massapoag Avenue to Rockland Street.

Lothrop Street, Spooner Street, Sheridan Street, and Columbus Avenue were all ground, reshaped and 2 1/2 inches of asphalt binder installed. Concrete sidewalks and granite curbing (8,000 feet of each) were also installed on these roadways.

All roadways will be completed in the Spring of 1997 with a 1 1/2 inch wearing course of asphalt.

The men of the Highway Division, with Jim Luke, Foreman, Dave Barrett, Chris Daniels, Jack Flynn, Al Hopkins, Jim Nice, Joe Pucillo, Joe Richard and Scott Wood swept all of the Town roads, cut roadside brush, repaired and replaced signs, repaired catch basins, patched pot holes as well as many other various jobs that arose. Traffic lines and crosswalks were painted and catch basins cleaned.

Our Vehicle Maintenance Division, Don Badger and Pat Neary once again did an outstanding job of keeping our fleet of 160 vehicles and equipment in excellent running condition. We are fortunate that Don Badger is experienced in body work as well as maintenance, this also helps to keep our fleet in good condition.

The Landfill Division, Joe Malinosky and Al Viall, continue to do an excellent job in maintaining the facility. With the passing of the mandatory Recycling By-Law the Town is taking in approximately 25% more recyclables. This By-Law was passed due to the hard work and dedication of the Recycling Committee. Unfortunately we are being

charged to dispose of recyclables at this time (years end). Plans are being designed for partial closing of the landfill, which is scheduled to close in 1999.

The winter of 1995-1996 was the greatest challenge of all, setting all records for snowfall. I would like to commend all employees of all the divisions of the Public Works Department as well as the hired operators who put in endless hours in order to make the Town of Easton safe for all residents. Without the dedication of these employees, the job could not have been done.

I want to thank all the departments in the Town for their cooperation throughout the year. It is this kind of team work that makes the Town function in the best possible manner.

I would also like to thank the office staff at the DPW, Jan Jacobson and Lois Welch for all their support during the past year. I would also like to welcome Roger Hill as our new Director of Public Works. With Mr. Hill's knowledge I feel that the DPW will make great strides and I look forward to working with him in 1997 and for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward C. Jacobson
Highway Superintendent

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE WATER DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 1996.

MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED	MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED
JANUARY	46,992,000	JULY	73,681,000
FEBRUARY	44,309,000	AUGUST	65,593,000
MARCH	47,906,000	SEPTEMBER	53,772,000
APRIL	49,525,000	OCTOBER	54,461,000
MAY	61,115,000	NOVEMBER	46,769,000
JUNE	72,754,000	DECEMBER	46,417,000

Total gallons pumped in 1996 - 663,294,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 3,581,000 on June 16, 1996.

1996 Precipitation: *Rain* 51.05 inches; *Snow* 105.75 inches. Total Precipitation 60.91 in.

Average pH: 4.94 Highest pH: 5.7 Lowest pH: 4.3

The Water Division responded to 2,573 service and emergency calls:
Connected 101 new services for a total of 6,352 active services
Replaced 414 meters
Renewed 3 services
Repaired 18 service leaks
Repaired 12 broken water mains
- 1 - 6" main
- 11 - 8" mains

Thawed 8 frozen services
Replaced 17 hydrants and 19 others were repaired of which 18 were hit by automobiles.

In 1996 new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:
- 80 feet of 4" water mains
- 416 feet of 6" water mains
- 14,542 feet of 8" water mains
- 7,068 feet of 12" water mains
- 50 new fire hydrants

We now have a total of 144.52 miles of water mains and 1,228 hydrants in our system.

12,698 meters were read, bills prepared, and processed for mailing; 4,035 delinquent notices were mailed and 273 final bills were processed.

This completed the eighth year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 217 surveys. This year two commercial buildings were surveyed and 251 backflow prevention device tests were performed. We have 166 testable devices in the system, 90 double check valve assemblies, and 76 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act,
545 samples were taken for bacteriological analysis
33 samples for lead and copper analysis
4 nitrate analysis
3 nitrite analysis
1 routine analysis
1 radionuclides analysis
6 secondary contaminants analysis
4 volatile organic compounds analysis
2 microscopic particulate analysis
2,735 pH samples

This was the third year that we conducted a system wide flushing program and 346 man hours were spent over 34 nights, flowing hydrants at high velocities to clean iron and manganese deposits from the 144 miles of water mains, thus helping to insure the delivery of clean water to your tap.

The Water Division completed its 12th round of system wide leak detection; 208 man hours were spent surveying the system; 11 leaks were detected and repaired, having a total estimated leakage of 35,280 gallons per day.

Since we started leak detection in 1982, we have found and repaired 244 leaks, amounting to 629,926 gallons of water per day, or 231,017,990 gallons per year that has been saved.

Corrosion Control Corporation of Carver, Mass. completed the exterior painting of the 2 million gallon water storage tank on Bay Road. The interior of the tank was inspected, cleaned, and chlorinated by Robert L. Merithew Inc. of Raynham Mass. The Water Division installed a new 16" butterfly valve on the water main feeding the tank to allow for better control in the future.

C.J.P. & Sons Construction Co. Inc. of Millis, Mass. was awarded the contract for the installation of 5,200 feet of 12" ductile iron water main on Elm Street, including 12 new fire hydrants, 32 water services and connecting to all the intersecting roads.
Work was completed in December and the old 8" cast iron water main which serviced Elm Street since 1887 was disconnected from the system.

Amory Engineers of Duxbury was selected to update our Aquifer Protection Study and our Master Plan.

Special thanks to Wade Saucier and the Board of Health for working with the Water Division and establishing a Board of Health Regulation prohibiting floor drains. This will help to protect our water sources in Easton from potential contamination.

The Water Division conducted its 12th Open House on May 4, 1996 at the Water Division office at 417 Bay Road. Over 850 posters were judged from Easton's 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades to select winners of the Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest.

The Fire Department and Water Division have instituted a new *Adopt-A-Hydrant Program* asking residents, business or groups to adopt hydrants, agreeing to keep them visible by removing snow and vegetation and informing the Department of any damage. Annual recognition will be given to those participating in the Program.

Division employees participated in two Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days on Saturday, May 11, 1996 and Saturday, September 14, 1996. A total of 136 families from Easton disposed of materials on these two collection days showing how committed the residents of Easton are to protecting the environment.

Water Division employees gave presentations at:

- The Environmental Expo at the World Trade Center in Boston on the Safe Drinking Water Act
- D.E.P. Conference in Providence, Rhode Island on Watershed Protection
- Plymouth County Water Works Association on Backflow Prevention
- Seven Ninth Grade classes at the Junior High School on our Water System
- The Natural Resources Trust student classes on our water system
- New England Water Works Association on Easton's Leak Detection success
- Massachusetts Water Works Association on Hydrant Maintenance

Presentations were given on Continental Cable TV and WBET Radio regarding our water system. Displays were set up at the Easton Home Show, Canoe River Awareness Day, and the Ames Free Library.

This was an outstanding year for the Easton Water Division. The D.E.P. presented two awards to the Division:

1. The *Best Large Community Ground Water System* Award
2. The *Best Overall Community System* Award in the Commonwealth

This is the sixth continuous year that Easton has had the highest point total of any system in the State.

The Easton Water Division Tapping Team: Ray Keyes, John Fresh, Mike Berry, and Gerry Coletti won the Massachusetts State Title in 1996, enabling them to compete in the International Competition in Toronto, Canada.

Shirley Tufts was honored by the Massachusetts Water Works Association, receiving their *Water Works Pride Award* for support staff who give extra of themselves to improve their Department.

The Massachusetts Water Works Association honored Wayne P. Southworth with the *Paul F. Howard Award* for outstanding service to the Water Works industry.

A special thanks to a great team: Shirley Tufts; Peggy Hannigan; John Marsh; Raymond Keyes; Richard Buckley; John Fresh, Jr.; Scott Habelt; Michael Berry; Richard Mueda; Gerry Coletti; and Roger Hill, Director of Public Works, for his leadership throughout the year.

"With Water Works Pride"

Wayne P. Southworth

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Commission met throughout the year.

At our April meeting, Wayne P. Southworth reported on our water resources which included the following information. The town has six wells in operation. Sites that have been identified as possible well sites are Borderland, Hockomock, Canoe River Aquifer and Springhill. Borderland is the best site. D.E.M. and D.E.P. regulations have kept this site from being developed. Questions regarding water quality were also answered. Results of the Division of Water Supply 1996 Public Water System Annual Awards were provided by Wayne. Easton received the highest score for Large Community System - Ground Source. With the information provided, we feel our resources are being well managed and in good condition.

The Board of Selectmen asked the commission to review a proposal from Bluestone Energy Services, Inc. to buy 500,000 gallons of water per day from Easton for a period of three years. We met with Bluestone representatives on June 3, 1996. It is our duty to the Town of Easton to ensure that its water resources are adequately maintained. Easton will need additional water supplies by the year 2000. Although we agree with the concept of selling water, as resources would allow, to other communities, we had some concerns with the proposal. After careful consideration, we made a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen, not to enter into agreement with Bluestone Energy Services, Inc.

Mansfield and Stoughton also wanted to purchase water from us on a short term basis. The commission met with representatives from both towns on July 18, 1996. Mansfield wanted to purchase 500,000 gallons per day during the summer months for the next three years until their new well is on line. Stoughton requested 500,000 gallons per day year round for the next three to five years. After lengthy consideration of all the facts, we recommended that the Board of Selectmen not enter into any agreement to sell water to either Stoughton or Mansfield. It was felt that they were not utilizing their own potential sources or conservation programs as Easton has. The Town of Easton is currently pumping volumes close to our permitted annual average daily yield. Any sale of additional water would require that the D.E.P. increase the permitted annual average daily yield by the amount to be sold to other entities.

At our August meeting, the new town policy on floor drains in the Town of Easton was discussed. This policy will provide protection of the ground water by either closing drains or running them to tight tanks. The town accepted the state model of the policy and now the implementation of the policy will begin with a mailing to all businesses and follow-up with educational information or presentations. The commission felt they could be of assistance in this endeavor.

We would like to thank Wayne P. Southworth, Superintendent of the Water Division, and Roger Hill, DPW Director, for their support and technical advice.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley E. Tufts, Chair
Bradley W. Lacouture, Clerk
James D. Mullen, Jr.

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee conducted 11 monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month between 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m in the Towns of Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield, Easton, and Norton.

During the year presentations were made to the Committee by:

Peter Coffin of the University of Massachusetts Co-operative Extension Service presented a video on maintaining septic systems.

Kathy Romero of the D.E.P. Water Supply gave a slide presentation discussing water supply protection issues.

Jeff Hanson of Bluestone Energy Services Inc. gave a slide presentation of the proposed desalinization plant to be built along the Taunton River.

Martha White, Easton's Grant Writer, spoke to the Committee about possible grant opportunities for the Committee.

John Post from the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and Co-Chair of the Taunton River Basin Team spoke to the Committee on the history of the Watershed Initiative.

Leonard Flynn is Chair of a subcommittee to develop a Greenbelt along the Canoe River. Letters have been sent to the Conservation Commissions in each community to assist us with this project. Grants have been applied for (with the help of Martha White from Easton) and maps are being prepared to delineate parcels abutting the River.

Rob Hurst of Mansfield has put in many hours developing a video presentation for the Committee to use on local cable networks.

A Shoreline Training Seminar was held on April 10, 1996 at the Martin Institute, Stonehill College, presented by Joan Kimball, (Adopt-A-Stream Co-ordinator) of the Mass. Department of Fisheries, Wildlife & Environmental Law Enforcement. Teams were formed by 21 volunteers and they surveyed the entire Canoe River.

On May 11, 1996, the Ninth Annual Canoe River Awareness Day was held in conjunction with the Norton Water Department Open House at their new Pumping Station on Plain street in Norton.

Dan Callahan, Norton Water Superintendent, gave a tour of his new facility. The Norton Board of Selectman presented the Committee with a Proclamation.

Presentations were made by the Norton Water & Sewer Commission.

Speakers included: State Senator William Keating; State Representative Barbara Hyland; Joan Kimball, Adopt-A-Stream Co-ordinator; and reports from the Shoreline Survey Teams.

Plans were made to hold the 10th Annual Canoe River Awareness Day on May 17, 1997 at the Mansfield Fish & Game Club and to invite all former members and officials that have helped the Committee over the past ten years.

Present Membership

Norton
Susan Mims
Suzanne Erikson, Secretary
Fred Watson

Foxborough
Timothy Higgins
Joan Sozio
Robert Boette

Sharon
Gregory Meister
David Masciarelli
Patrick Dorcus

Easton
John Grant
William Hardin
Wayne P. Southworth, Chairman

Mansfield
Leonard Flynn
Edward Tartufo, Vice Chairman
Robert Jones

1997 Meeting Dates

Thursday	February 6	Easton Water Department
Thursday	March 6	Sharon Town Hall
Thursday	April 3	Foxborough Town Hall
Thursday	May 1	Norton Public Library
Thursday	June 5	Mansfield Town Hall
Thursday	August 7	Easton Water Department
Thursday	September 4	Sharon Town Hall
Thursday	October 2	Foxborough Town Hall
Thursday	November 6	Norton Public Library
Thursday	December 4	Mansfield Town Hall

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE EASTON ENGINEERING DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Engineering activities this year in general included support to the Board of Selectmen through the Town Administrator's Office, the Planning and Zoning Board, the Conservation Commission, the Fire and Police Departments, the Town Clerks Office, the Old Colony Planning Council, other DPW Divisions, and the general public.

The Engineering Division had lead roles and sole responsibility in the redesign of the New Pond Dam and Old Pond Dam improvements, and the design and construction of the Elm Street Watermain. In addition, the Engineering Division had support roles in surveying activities, developing 5-year roadway and sidewalk plans, the acquiring of lands for the Main Street Reconstruction Project, and fulfilling the mapping needs of the Town Administrator, the Board of Assessors, the Town Clerk, the Police and Fire Departments, the Highway Division, the Old Colony Planning Council, Conservation Commission, and Planning and Zoning Board.

During the year, the Engineering Division worked on nearly 700 separate actions for the Conservation Commission consisting mainly of the review of Permit Applications, Jurisdictions, Applicability, Compliance's, and violations of the Wetlands Protection Act and Article 29 of Easton's Wetland Protection By-Law. Support to the Planning and Zoning Board this year included over 300 separate actions consisting mainly of the review of subdivision and site plans, preparing street inspection and roadway cost estimates, and site investigations and inspections of subdivisions. In addition, the Engineering Division completed over 900 separate actions on DPW and miscellaneous projects not associated with either the Conservation Commission or Planning & Zoning Board.

Congratulations are in order for Robert Dunn who received a well deserved upgrading from Engineering Assistant to that of an Engineer, and to Maurice Goulet our Auto-Cad Specialist whose willingness and "can do" attitude in developing very professional computerized drawings for nearly every town Department and Separate Office has been a credit to the Department of Public Works and deserves special recognition. As in the past, the Engineering Division is beholding to the DPW Administrative staff for their fine effort and cooperation in support of the Engineering Division, and to the Executive staff of the Planning & Zoning Board and the Conservation Commission for their willing cooperation and excellent work in coordinating the needs of their respective offices with the Engineering Division.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER HUIE, P.E.
Town Engineer

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE CENTRAL MAINTENANCE DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This year the Central Maintenance Division has set goals on completing as many Capital Projects as time and money will allow and to take care of daily work orders on a priority basis. We have completed over 1000 regular work orders and have completed and started many capital ones. If you go to the Easton Jr. High School you will find the building has been painted inside and out, bleachers in the gym have all been refurbished, one bathroom has new partitions and has been completely repaired, we have rebuilt the greenhouse and have doors, and window walls on order for the building as well as new auditorium seating and carpeting to be completed by April. At Parkview Elementary we have a window wall replacement on order and doors for the High School. We have completed most of the air cooled refrigeration units in all the schools and eliminated the use of 8,000.000 gallons of water with the old water cooled units. At the High School the bleachers were completely rebuilt, frames welded and made safe with a savings of $75,000.00 by doing the work in house with Manny Mendonca and Marty Arthur. This was an enormous project and I would like to thank Manny and Marty for a job well done.

I would like to take this time to thank all of the Central Maintenance workers for the extra effort they put into every thing they do. Jim Carlson, Manny Mendonca, Bruce Morse, Steven Guidaboni, Marty Arthur and Bill Casey they are the people who make it all work. I would also like to thank Paul O'Neill, Ken Martin and Josh Ford from the Tree Department for all the help they have given over the year and Joe Richards from the Highway Department for the great plastering job at the Police Station and the D.P.W. . I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support over the year and the School Committee. Things do not get done by one person, the team work and efforts by the Director of Public Works and the Superintendents working together and the efforts of the School Administration especially Jack Walsh, make it happen. I would like to thank Roger Hill, Jack Walsh, Bill Simmons, Lois Welch, Jan Jacobson, Wayne Southworth, Edward Jacobson and the rest of the department heads and workers for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard A. Hayes
Central Maintenance Superintendent

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Office of the Inspector of Building and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings	95
Multiple Family Dwellings	4
Additions-Residential	108
Alterations-Residential	45
New Commercial	3
Additions-Commercial	12
Alterations-Commercial	40
Demolished Buildings	11
Signs	20
Temporary Signs	3
Swimming Pools	32
Roofs	51
Siding	13
Weights & Measures	27
Temporary Tents	4
Earth Removal	6
Wood Stoves	16
Yard Sales	161
Foundations	20
Temporary Trailer	1
Certificate of Inspections	43
TOTAL	718

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION $37,105,493

Building Fees Collected		$131,359
Number of Inspections	615	
Gas Permits Issued	255	
Gas Fees Collected		6,451
Wiring Permits Issued	484	
Wiring Fees Collected		21,004
TOTAL		$158,361

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Pires, Inspector of Buildings-Zoning Enforcement Officer

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

EASTON PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

To The Citizens of Easton:

In 1996, after over two years of effort, the Planning & Zoning Board completed the revisions to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The new Rules became effective on July 12, 1996, for all subdivisions submitted thereafter. Some of the new features in the Rules & Regulations include granite curbing, underground utilities and major and minor streets that vary in width depending on the number of house lots on the street. The Board intends to work on revisions to the Site Plan Guidelines in 1997. The Board is also exploring ways to further ensure that subdivision roadways are completed in a timely fashion and according to the plans and specifications, as this continues to be an area of concern for the Board and the townspeople.

While the number of new preliminary and definitive subdivision plans submitted was down from 1995, those in the process of undergoing review kept the Planning & Zoning Board very busy. In 1996, the Board met a total of thirty-eight times on Wednesday night and often into the early hours of the next morning. In addition to its evening meetings, the Board conducted four weekend site meetings where they visited the sites of proposed subdivisions as part of the review process. The Board also made several site inspections prior to the issuance of occupancy permits at new business establishments.

Sixteen Form A plans (approval not required) were endorsed forming eleven new lots. Two lots were combined into one and there were eight plans that did not change the number of lots.

Six preliminary subdivision plans were submitted for review and three received approval of the concept: "Truman Estates", "Elm Estates", "Victoria Estates". Six definitive subdivision plans were submitted and eleven definitive plans were approved: "Dolly's Way" - 8 lots; "Quail Ridge Extension" (modification); "Glen Oaks" - 4 lots; "Milestone Acres" - 23 lots; "Dalton Circle" - 1 lot; "Forbes Lane" - 1 lot; "Raven Estates" - 4 lots; "Strawberry Fields" - 16 lots; "Union Village" - 22 lots; "Truman Estates" - 7 lots; "302 Bay Road" - 2 lots. A total of 87 lots were created by the definitive subdivision plans. Approval of one subdivision was revoked at the request of the owner.

Fifteen site plans were approved in 1996: 95 Highland Street; 588 Washington Street; 704 Washington Street; Stonehill College (dormitory); 275 Washington Street; 34 Central Street; 218 Elm Street; 123 Belmont Street; 701 Foundry Street; 67 Belmont Street; R519 Washington Street (Roosevelt Circle); 555 Washington Street; 113 Washington Street; 9 Bristol Drive; 49 Belmont Street.

Although much of the Board's time was taken up with subdivision and site plan review, the Board also met with the Conservation Commission in an effort to increase communication between the Board and the Commission and to better coordinate our review of planned develop-

ment in the Town. In addition, the Board met with members of the Historical Commission to discuss the proposed Scenic Road by law, with the Water Division Superintendent to discuss water loops and dead-end streets, and with the Cemetery Commission and Town Counsel to discuss ownership of cemeteries.

In the Fall of 1996, the Planning & Zoning Board and the Board of Selectmen began the Growth Management Study authorized by Town Meeting. A team of expert consultants has been retained, and they have already begun their work. Public meetings are planned for the Spring of 1997, and their report should be completed by the end of the year. With a little luck, we will be able to make a presentation at the 1998 Town Meeting.

The Board expresses its thanks to its Administrator, Carol Bliss, and to the various other Town departments and employees who have provided their valuable input this year including Roger Hill, DPW Director, Wayne Southworth, Superintendent-Water Division, Peter Huie, Town Engineer, and Robert Dunn and Maurice Goulet of the Engineering Division. Finally, the Board wants to acknowledge all the effort and assistance that you, the citizens of Easton, have provided to it in the many public hearings and meetings that you attended. Your input and insights were most valuable to the Planning & Zoning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kone, Chairman
William J. Meehan, P.E., Clerk
Gene T. Farrell
Mark S. Bartlett, P.E.
David C. Boch

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Selectmen Town of Easton

We the members of the Board of Appeals respectfully submit the following annual report for the year 1996.

Twenty-seven (27) petitions, comprised of thirteen (13) Variances, and fourteen (14) Special Permits were received by the Board during the year which in conformity with the law, were duly advertised and copies of notices were given to all Town Boards, and mailed to all parties of interest as defined by Section 11, Chapter 40A, Mass General Laws.

Upon the re-appointment of Mr. Stephen J. McAlarney for a five year term in June 1996, the Board reorganized with the election of McAlarney as Chairman; Paul G. Pino as Vice-Chairman; and Joseph Derian as Clerk. Ms. Susan Heath was appointed Board Secretary in October 1996 to replace Ms. Mary McCarthy whose valuable service and dedication to the Board over the past three years is deeply appreciated.

In October 1995, the board voted to propose an amendment to the Easton Zoning Bylaw, Section II, Definitions to amend the definition of a common driveway such that a driveway can only service one lot. Common driveways servicing two or more lots would require a variance to be granted by the Board of Appeals. The Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Board each voted to support this amendment on October 30, 1995 and January 17, 1996, respectively. The amendment was approved at the April 1996 Town Meeting.

	Variance	Special Permit
Petitions Granted	5	8
Petitions Denied	6	4
Petitions Withdrawn	1	1

The Board wishes to take this opportunity to thank all Town Officials and personnel who provided assistance and service to the Board during the year.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen J. McAlarney, Chairman
Paul G. Pino, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Derian, Clerk
Barbara Paras, Member
Lisa Motta, Member
Jean Kent, Associate Member
Steve Freitas, Associate Member

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the preceding year, the Conservation Commission conducted 78 public hearings and 172 continued public hearings under the Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Article 29 Town of Easton Bylaws and M.G.L. Ch. 131, s. 40.

Of major concern to the Conservation Commission is the growing number of enforcement matters as a result of violations of the Wetlands Protection Act and the Town Wetlands Protection Bylaw. The Commission has issued 14 enforcement letters and enforcement orders, most of which have been amicably resolved. Fines of $2,000 have been assessed against violators, and the Commission will continue to vigorously pursue violations of the environmental laws of our state and our town.

The Commission's open space land acquisition program continues to develop. Town meeting has voted acquisition of (5) parcels containing (91.27) acres of land. The Commission has acquired, during 1996, by purchase or by gift, the following parcels: -

1. Parcel A off Bay Road, in the 'Milestone Acres' subdivision, acquired by gift, consisting of 35 acres of land.

2. Parcel I located adjacent to the Applewood cluster development, acquired by gift, consisting of 21.2876 acres of land.

3. A parcel consisting of approximately 66 acres of land, acquired by gift, including the area known as 'Flyaway Pond', located off Lincoln Street

4. The Kelleher property, so-called, located west and north of Flyaway Pond, acquired by purchase, consisting of approximately 53.7 acres of land, off of Bay Road.

5. Lot 26 in the subdivision known as 'The Farm at Flyaway Pond', acquired by purchase, consisting of approximately 2 acres of land.

7. The Truman farm, so-called, adjacent to Wheaton Farm, acquired by purchase, consisting of approximately 22.4 acres of land.

8. Lot 4 in the condominium known as 'Gaslight Village', off Foundry Street, acquired by gift, consisting of 60,589 square feet of land.

As of this writing, the Town has yet to close on the purchase of the Galloway Farm, located on Bay Road, adjacent to Wheaton Farm, but the closing is anticipated to take place prior to Town Meeting. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts announced on October 31, 1996, that the Town will receive $448,000 by way of a Self-Help Grant to partially reimburse the Town for the purchase price for the farm. The Commission is grateful for this award, and looks forward to a continuing relationship with the Commonwealth Self-Help Grant Program.

At the request of the Conservation Commission, the Board of Selectmen established an advisory committee to study options and the feasibility of restoring the dam at Flyaway Pond, now that the Town has acquired ownership of the same. It is expected that, following study by that Committee, recommendations will be presented to the Commission and to the Board of Selectmen.

In May of 1997, the Commission will be formally recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Wheaton Farm Acquisition Project, a combined effort of townspeople, the Town, and the State Government, along with other organizations, to begin the acquisition of what we know as Wheaton Farm, which began with the purchase of 278 acres and today totals some 800 acres of land.

The Conservation Fund has grown enormously over the past two years, funded by appropriations at Town Meeting, for which the Commission is most grateful. The fund now totals just under $1,000,000. The income from these funds enables us to service the debt on current land acquisitions, and also to prudently plan for future land acquisitions.

The Conservation Commission has created a web page on the Internet. At http://www.brdk.com/~brdk/ECCOM/econcom.htm information can be found on the Commission's schedule and agenda. Also on the page are links to the text, related laws and regulations. Other links can be found to other town agencies and sites of interest.

The Conservation Commission is most grateful to its Secretary, Janice Fowler, and its Agent, Bob Dunn of the DPW, for their invaluable assistance to the Commission during the past year. We are also most grateful to the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, the various Town Departments, Boards and Commissions, with whom it is our pleasure to work, along with Town Counsel Martyn H. Lincoln and Special Counsel McGregor & Shea, P.C. Most importantly, however, we thank the citizens of the Town of Easton, whose cooperation, vision, and foresight allows us to carry out the duties and responsibility entrusted to us by law.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Sites, Chairman
Forest E. Henderson, Vice Chairman
John E. Grant
Philip Barske
Christopher P. Linde

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Easton:

In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 1996.

David E. Gardner was elected to a three year term at the annual election in April. At the organizational meeting, William A. Grimes was elected Chairman. Staff included Director of Public Health Wade D. Saucier, R.S., C.H.O., Administrative Assistant/Burial Agent JoAnne Pilz, Animal/Milk Inspector John D. Melin, Plumbing Inspector Daniel A. McNeill, and Associate Plumbing Inspector Robert A. Govey. Kristin Kennedy, R.S. was hired as a part-time Health Inspector in October. This new addition to the staff will help to provide a professional inspection service for the growing demand that the department presently faces. Philip O'Connell, P.E., continued as engineering consultant assisting in observation holes, percolation tests.

Public Health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with the Community Visiting Nurse Agency, Inc. of Attleboro. Chris Delano, R.N., the town's contact nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The cumulative statistics for the 1996 calendar year are as follows: Influenza Immunizations, 588 residents; Adult Pneumococcal and three general immunization clinics, 59 residents; Mantoux Testing, 98 residents and town employees; Lead Level Screening, 1 resident; Health Promotion Clinics, 129 residents; Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screenings, 200 residents for blood pressure and 30 residents for blood sugar; Communicable Disease, 26 investigations; Maternal Child, 14 contacts; Free Care, 29 visits. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to 6 providers for the Board of Health and 30 deliveries were made to these local health care providers. The CVNA has provided services to more than 1,168 residents in 1996.

Three health promotion clinics were offered to town employees during the month of May. These clinics were provided by public health nurses from the CVNA. Sixty-two employees participated in the program. Health promotion clinics are encouraged by the Employee Wellness Committee and the Town Administration office due to the great opportunity to control health insurance costs by limiting future claims.

The State mandated bi-annual Food Inspection Program will be provided internally by Ms. Kennedy, the part-time health inspector. Previously, this service was performed by Richard Slein, R.S., C.H.O. Unfortunately, Mr. Slein ended his contractual services to the town due to family commitments. Mr. Slein's expertise and professionalism will be missed.

Mandatory Food Handling Education seminars were required for all licensed food establishments that prepare food for the public. Two seminars were offered by the Board of Health. Ms. Pamela Ross-Kung, R.S. of Revere, MA conducted the seminars. A total of 96 food service employees attended these seminars.

The Board of Health and staff felt the growing pains of the Town this year. There has been a significant increase in the amount of time spent on project reviews, approvals and field inspections. In 1995, the Department of Environmental Protection revised their codes governing on-site septic systems, 310 CMR 15.000, Title 5. The revised codes affected new construction of homes and businesses, updating existing septic systems as well as repairing failures. These changes increased the office work load and consumed much of the department's time.

In a collaborative effort, The Department of Environmental Protection and the Board of Health entered into an Administrative Consent Order with the purchaser of Easton Estates to correct the wastewater violations that exist on the property.

The Board of Health voted four applicants to participate in the State's Septic System Repair Program. This program assists qualified low and moderate income homeowners to repair failed septic systems.

The Board of Health voted to remove the Town of Easton from the Norton, Easton, Mansfield and Sharon Tobacco Control Program. The Board did not agree with Mansfield's perception that they were in total control of the program. Charlotte Scozzafava, the Program Coordinator resigned from her position under political pressure from the program's host town. The Board will miss Ms. Scozzafava's excellent work and dedication to this important program. Easton will form another tobacco control collaborative with the assistance of Catherine L. Salisbury, Regional Public Administrator, Southeastern Regional Services Group.

The rabies epizootic still exists in town. In the spring of 1996, several Rabies Clinics were held for pet owners to vaccinate their pets. The Board of Health supported vaccination of animals at the Natural Resources Trust, Sheep Pasture, through the Rabies Task Force monies appropriated at Town Meeting.

On August 8, 1996, the Board of Health adopted a Floor Drain Regulation as an effort to control discharge of pollutants to the ground via floor drains.

On September 16, 1996, the Board adopted regulations for Sanitation Facilities for Employees that Work outdoors in an effort to control unsanitary conditions and habits.

On November 23, 1996, the Board members attended a training course for Board of Health members sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards. Personalized certificates were awarded at the end of the program.

There were 1,038 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows:
Plumbing, 277; Funeral Directors, 3; Food Establishments, 151; Dumpsters, 139; Disposal Works Installers, 78; Transport Offal, 16; Dumpster Service, 8; Motel/Cabin/Trailer Park, 4; Milk Licenses, 90; Massage Licenses, 8; Caterers, 6; Mobile Food, 3; Swimming Pools, 10; Disposal Works Construction Permits, 215; Tanning Facilities, 3; Tobacco Permits, 26.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

The Board wishes to thank Martyn H. Lincoln, Town Counsel, for his individual attention, legal advice and legal representation over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Grimes, Chairman
Robert J. Kane
David E. Gardner

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

During 1996, 60 veterans or their dependents received assistance through the Veterans' Benefits or the Veterans' Services Programs.

Through the Benefits Program, 16 veterans or dependents were eligible for financial assistance with household expenses and/or medical bills. This program is open to low income Easton veterans or their dependents who meet the income and asset guidelines that are established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services Commissioner. The $45,652 in veterans' benefits issued during FY96 were paid from local appropriation with the State reimbursing the Town for 75% of the veterans' benefits issued.

During the past year this veterans' agent assisted 60 families through the Services Program which is open to all Easton veterans or their dependents regardless of income or assets. The Veterans' Agent provided direct service or advocated on behalf of the veterans with various agencies for the assistance needed. Some veterans filed application or submitted information to the Veterans Administration regarding pensions or compensation claims. Other applied for fuel assistance or received help in filing for Social Security, SSI Disability or Medicaid benefits. Some sought help in obtaining property tax exemptions.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, members of the American Legion Post #7, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 2547 and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our veterans and this Veterans' Services Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores M. Kent
Veterans' Agent

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

MILK/ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health and the Citizens of Easton:

I respectfully submit the following report for the year 1996.

MILK INSPECTIONS:

The Ideal temperature for storing milk, cream and other dairy products is between 33° F and 40° F. Temperature readings and dairy product codes are checked randomly in stores throughout the year.

Samples of milk, cream and dairy products were taken from 99 restaurants, schools, and nursing homes during the year.

ANIMAL INSPECTIONS:

Goats, 46; Bovines, 83; Sheep, 13; Swine, 87; Equines, 68; Chickens, 270; Rabbits, 197

RABIES EPIZOOTIC:

Confinements for domestic pets, 35 (31 cats, 4 dogs). These confinements run from forty-five days up to six months or, if your animal in not vaccinated, the end result could be euthanasia. This is why I keep stressing the importance of having your dog licensed and vaccinated and your cat vaccinated.

Five specimens were submitted to the State Lab for testing. Two cats, two woodchucks and one skunk tested negative.

One hundred and twelve (112) dead animals included: Cats, 28; Dogs, 19; Opossum, 16; Deer, 14; Raccoons, 10; Squirrels, 4; Foxes, 3; Woodchucks, 3; Skunks, 6; Rabbits, 2; Coyotes, 1; Turtles, 2; Ducks, 2; Owls, 1; and Goats, 1.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Health, Director Wade Saucier, and JoAnne Pilz. Thanks also to the Town Administrator, members of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and her assistants, the Police and Fire Departments and the Department of Public Works. Your help and support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Melin
Milk/Animal Inspector

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Easton:

The Recreation Department continues to operate attractive programs for our Easton Community under the leadership of the Director, Kenneth Wood.

The Summer 'Concerts in the Park' band programs were again very well received. The Recreation Commission extends their gratitude to Robert Wooster, Park Director, for his continued cooperation in the presentation of summer programs for both children and adults at Frothingham Park. Funding is in part, thanks to our local business.

This past spring, a record number of kindergarten children participated in Recreational Tee-Ball, there was a total of thirteen teams in the month May. Thanks to Mike Whitney for all his hard work to make the program a success.

The summer programs were very successful this year, tennis and swimming lessons increased. Our youth swim team joined the Hockmock League and competed with area Towns during the summer months. The Kids Fun and Track meets are in July and August located at Muscato Stadium. These events are heavily attended by families of children ranging from ages one through twelve. The youth softball league for young girls had a very productive season. Over 260 girls participated in the league. Thank you to 45 coaches and volunteers to make it a successful year. Other activities sponsored by the Recreation Department include, Fall, Winter, and Spring sports; Open Gym, Over 30 Basketball, Coed Volleyball, special Needs programs, youth Basketball. Outdoor Movie Program at Town Office Grounds, Walk-in park programs, DARE/Park Programs during July/August, Fishing Derby for the Youth in June, Winter Sports, Jr. High and high School Age Ski Trips to Ragged mountain, Disney on ice to the Fleet Center in Boston which includes Bus Trip. Yardley Rink for Ice Skating, Ski lesson at Blue Hills and Golf Lessons.

The Commission is indebted to the community for the continued appropriation of the Offset Receipt Account at the Town meeting last year for the continued operation of the Town Pool Facility, in part.

We are pleased to announce that all recreation programs listed above are self-funded and that part of our administrative cost of part-time Secretary and Director are included.

Thank you to many other Departments in the Town that without them we could not run our programs effectively.

The Recreation Commission would like to express their appreciation to all who supported and volunteered their services this year, including all those who helped the Easton pantry to serve residents in Easton in need during these hard times.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Wood, Director

RECREATION COMMISSION:

Patrick Goodman, Chairman
Stephanie Coose
Charles Hammond
Martin Szumlyo
Scott Herman
Michael Gallahue
Donald Edmonston

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE EASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The highlight of the Historical Commission's activities was the celebration of the centennial of the dedication of the original Oliver Ames High School, currently the Lincoln Street Intermediate School. The Historical Commission, other organizations, and the Lincoln Street Intermediate School staff, faculty, students and school council planned and participated in events marking the occasion. The Lincoln Street Intermediate School organized an exhibit about the centennial, which was open to the public during the Holiday Festival. The major event was a reenactment of the original dedication of the Oliver Ames High School, also held during the Lions' sponsored Easton Holiday Festival. Participants in the day's program included: Doug Anderson and the Lincoln Street Intermediate School Band, Reverend Jeanne M. Bell, Virginia S. Elson and students, Dr. Robert Misiewicz, Reverend Father Lucio B. Phillipino, former Senator Oliver F. Ames, Carla A. Goodwin, Jeffrey L. Tufts, Dr. Andrew Miller, Jr., Rabbi Paul Levenson, with commission members Ed Hands and Kate Beaudoin. The original High School, now the Lincoln Street Intermediate School, is an important architectural treasure that deserves preservation. Generations of Easton residents share the common bond of going to school here. Hundreds of people, including several generations of graduates, attended the program. The Historical Commission wishes to extend its appreciation to all of the organizations involved, as well as the support of the Town, several civic minded people, businesses, and the media, with a special thank you to commission member Hazel Varella for organizing the event. It was a great success.

The Historical Commission continues to identify, evaluate and protect Easton's unique historic and archaeological resources. These resources are not only important locally, but are also significant Commonwealth and National historic resources. Easton has three National Register Historic Districts, and one area listed as a National Historic Landmark District, all of which attract visitors from out of state as well as other countries. In December, the Massachusetts Historical Commission voted Borderland State Park eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district. This was the result of longtime efforts to have the park recognized as historically significant. The Historical Commission has also begun the long process of updating Easton's historic resources survey. The Commission's efforts this past year have focused on the Easton Center and Hayward-Pool areas.

During the past year, the Commissioners have been active participants in the Town's various boards and committees as resource persons and advisors in the protection of our historic heritage and cultural resources. Frank Meninno served on the Memorialization Committee, Greg Galer on the Public Facilities Committee, Barry Dunkley on the Fly-a-way Pond Restoration Committee, and Ed Hands on the Library Building Advisory Committee. Commission members assisted in archaeological investigations at Old Pond/New Pond Dams and in final planning for the Main Street Reconstruction project. Commission member Ed Hands received an award from the Lions for his book Easton's Neighborhoods. A map of Easton's significant historic and cultural resources was developed by commission members Frank Meninno and Ed Hands and the Department of

Public Works. Copies of the Easton brochure and map, reprinted in 1995, are available at the Town Office, the Easton Historical Society, or from the Commissioners.

The Commission welcomed Greg Galer as a new member this year.

The Historical Commission now has a web page on the Internet. The address is: http://www.brdk.com/~brk/EHCOM/ehistcom.htm.

The Historical Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Beaudoin, Chair
Edmund C. Hands, Vice-Chair
Gloria J. Stafford, Secretary
Barry Dunkley
Greg Galer
Frank T. Meninno
Hazel L. Varella
Easton Historical Commission

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 1996, the Council on Aging contacted the 2,796 elderly residents of Easton through our bi-monthly newsletter which was mailed or delivered to each elderly household. In addition to the newsletter, the Council provided service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, outreach and referral services to 825 of our elderly residents.

We transported elders and handicapped residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hair dressers and to the community building at Parker Terrace for Senior Center programs on either our lift-equipped shuttle vans or with one of our volunteers.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. The Area Agency on Aging nutritionist gave monthly nutrition workshops and a trained nurse from Pedi-Care, Inc. provided preventive foot care at twice monthly clinics. We are grateful to the Easton Lions Club for their Eye Mobile health screening which took place in May during Senior Citizens Month. We were also able to continue a twice weekly exercise program with funding from Stonehill College and we are truly grateful for their support of our elderly programs.

Seniors participated in recreational programs including board games, bowling, bridge, ceramics, crafts, cribbage, knitting, line dancing, painting, walking club, and quilting. Many traveled with us on day trips and overnight tours.

Many of our seniors enjoyed intergenerational programs with Easton children. Students from the North Easton Grammar School made placemats and entertained the seniors at the holiday celebrations. Teens from the Restaurant Skills Class at Oliver Ames High School made special treats for many of our monthly luncheon celebrations as well as Thanksgiving Dinners and cookies which we delivered to many elderly residents who were alone during the holidays. Stonehill College students and faculty assisted frail elderly homeowners with garden cleanup and household chores on their annual "Stonehill Gives Back" day last Spring.

Our outreach worker made home visits to elders and arranged a variety of home care services for those in need by working with local social services agencies, volunteer groups, and private home makers. Staff members helped fuel assistance applicants, issued senior citizens ID cards, and completed Bay State Gas discount cards.

We were fortunate to have many volunteers who helped us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our elderly. We would like to thank them for their contribution and also the Easton Housing Authority for the use of their community buildings for

our Senior Center programs. We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our elderly services and programs.

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Fitzgerald, Chairman
Elizabeth Verity, Secretary
Anthony Ferragamo
Roberta Hafferty
Phyllis Kiessling
M. Celia Scully
David Welch
Dolores Kent, Director

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

EASTON CEMETERY COMMISSION

During the year the Commission, with the assistance of Jack McTernan, owner of Easton Memorial Co., replaced seven monuments that had reached the point that could not be repaired.

The replacements are white marble monuments, oval shape, which are similar to monuments at Arlington National Cemetery. Five monuments were replaced in the Dr. Edward Dean Cemetery, two were replaced in the Colonel Williams Cemetery,

We wish to thank Elmer Harlow for his service to the Town for a number of years. Our new member since August is Edward Rogers.

Next year more cleaning of stones is planned plus any repairs necessary.

Sincerely,

Clyde A. Craig, Chairman
John Melin
Edward Rogers
CEMETERY COMMISSION

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE AMES FREE LIBRARY - EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

CIRCULATION STATISTICS:

Adult	Juvenile	Total
30,280	30,282	60,562

Once again circulation was up about ten percent over 1995. Increased materials purchasing plus on-line access to other ABLE network libraries provided more convenient library services resulting in higher figures.

Library personnel have become more familiar with using the ABLE network. Items requested but not owned are regularly looked up on terminals and materials owned by the library continue to be entered into the ABLE database. At the end of 1996 all non-fiction titles not already entered into the database were sent to Retrolink in Utah to be entered into the ABLE database mechanically. When this is complete in early 1997 the library will be able to circulate on-line since user information has been entered since November.

New staff in 1996 included Michael Briody, Desk Assistant, Judith Sullivan, Administrative Assistant, Anne Marie Large, Desk Assistant who joined Caroline Nyquist who was appointed Acting Children's Librarian while studying for her Master's degree in Library Science.

We were sorry to have Dot O'Reilly retire after eight years of service and the death of Eileen Morse, a twenty year employee, saddened everyone.

There were sixty-eight children's programs with 898 children attending. Of great interest was the American Girl Reading Program and the summer reading program "Catch the Summer Spark...Read!". Cooperation with the schools continues so that all children have equal access to material required for assignments.

Much of the year was spent working on plans for an addition/renovation to the Main Library. Through a competitive procedure established by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, Robert Venturi was selected as architect. Schematic drawings were produced and presented at Town Meeting. Town meeting voted to acquire the land behind the library, apply for a state library construction grant, and add on/renovate the library. The grant was applied for and the project was approved but not funded. New legislation to fund the project was filed in December and was co-sponsored by all of Easton's State Representatives and Senators.

CD-ROMS continue to be used by the community and in December a terminal was added to allow the public to access EBSCO SEARCH (a full text periodical database) and the

Internet. The library is indebted to Mark Stallings for volunteering his time to help us with technology problems.

Throughout 1996, other departments have been most helpful to the library especially Public Works. Their workers have kept the grounds mowed and the driveway plowed. Assistance from Martha White and Ernie Camara has been invaluable. I wish to thank the staff and Board of Directors for their support and untiring efforts to provide Easton residents with modern library service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annalee Bundy,
Executive Director

1995 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE AMES TRUST FUNDS

The following statement is supplied by the office of the Trustees of the Ames Fund.

The following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 1996, together with an estimate of the 1997 income. The estimate for 1997 income is based on the amount which the various companies are now paying. This estimate does not allow for any deductions which may have been made before the net income is paid over to the Town of Easton. Nor does it take into consideration any reductions in dividends which might be made by the various companies.

	Book Value	12/13/96 Market Value	1996 Income Paid to Town	1997 Estimated Income to Town
Highways Fund	$1,189,778.25	$3,989,081.15	$140,414.87	$110,000.00
Highways Perm. Fund	122,623.49	171,259.32	5,507.16	5,000.00
Schools Fund	2,137,189.21	3,506,963.51	122,289.49	100,000.00

Enclosed you will find detailed accounts for the above three funds for the year ending December 31, 1996.

Respectfully Submitted,

Oliver F. Ames
Trustee

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION

INCOME	
William Hadwen Ames Trust	
Hobart Ames Trust	
Oakes Angier Ames Trust	
Investments	
Sub-total	$ 6,402.46
OAMH Development Association	$ 6,000.00
Donation - North Easton Savings Bank	$ 5,000.00
Rentals	$21,454.00
Total Income	$38,856.46
EXPENSES	
Telephone	682.26
Gas	444.32
Fuel Oil	3,180.39
Electric	1,974.21
Custodian	4,134.00
Legal	2,775.03
Fees	80.00
Operating	8,480.00
Capital Improvements	9,752.63
Deferred Maintenance	6,729.04
Total Expense	$38,231.88
Net Income(Expense)	$ 624.58

The Hall continues to be well used with over 550 rentals in 1996, a slight increase from 1995. A diverse mix of local groups use the Hall during all times of the week ranging from childrens' classes to meetings of Easton Town committees. The second floor serving kitchen was totally renovated with private funds most of which were raised by the Hall's Development Association.

The HH Richardson Festival on September 27-29, underwritten by the Hall trustees, private donors and the Easton Cultural Council, was a success with more than three hundred attendees. More architectural and historic preservation events are planned for 1997 and 1998. The Hall went on the internet this year courtesy of ICI of Mansfield. Our address is www.hhrichardson.com.

Work has begun on renovations to the Hall using Town funding to install handicapped access and fire detection and suppression systems. Earlier this year much needed roof repairs were completed. In addition to publicly funded improvements privately funded initiatives for 1997 will include new stage curtains in the large hall and repairs to the stained glass windows.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick L. Ames, President

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The two scholarships that the Committee sponsors will be given in 1997 and 1999.

This year the Committee has awarded three grants to aid students going into the Trades or Nursing. Each grant for $300.00 is awarded to purchase Books, Tools, or Uniforms.

the students that received the grants this year are as follows:

Meredith Chastain, 14 Porter Street
Kerry Sullivan, 1 Berwick Road
Calvin Lam, 18 Heidi Road

Sincerely,

Clyde A. Craig, Chairman
John Melin
John F. Hurley

1996 REPORT OF

THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 1996.

The Old Colony Planning Council is one of thirteen regional planning agencies in Massachusetts, authorized by state statute to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of their respective regions. OCPC is the regional planning agency in Massachusetts to be designated as an Area Agency on Aging. In this responsibility, the OCPC manages federal Older Americans Act funding for elder services in the fifteen communities in the Council's regular planning district plus eight additional municipalities that constitute the elderly services planning and service area. The OCPC is also designated as an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for coordinating economic development activities within the OCPC District. Lastly, the OCPC is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Transportation and Transit Planning for the region. We are proud to report that the Old Colony Planning Council has the distinction of being the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of areawide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socio-economic information. Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA.

In 1996, the Council re-elected John G. Mather of Halifax as President of OCPC; Eldon F. Moreira of West Bridgewater as Council Secretary; and Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Daniel M. Crane serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities, the participation and involvement of the members of the Joint Transportation Committee chaired by Stephen Baker; the Overall Economic Development Committee chaired by Joseph P. Joseph; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee chaired by Doris Grindle. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Delegate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the resident of the Town of Easton: The Delegate and Alternate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging (OCPC-AAA) Advisory Committee are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency on Aging activities for FY'1996.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT:

The OCPC-AAA is responsible for the planning, coordination and funding of elderly services under Title III of the Older Americans Act in the 23 community region served by the program. The OCPC-AAA, in conjunction with input from the 23 community Advisory Committee, has focused its efforts on developing a comprehensive network of services and programs which are responsive to the full spectrum of elder service needs. In collaboration with local councils on aging and other elder service provider agencies, the OCPC-AAA provided grant funding for the following programs and services in Fiscal Year 1996:

*Senior Center and Outreach Programs
*Home Health and Respite Services
*In-Home Mental Health Services
*Services for Elders with Disabilities
*Transportation Services
*Legal Services
*Emergency Intervention Services
*Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals
*Nutritional Education and Counseling
*Services to Families and Caregivers
*Long-Term Care Ombudsman Services

More than 354,000 units of service were provided to 10,395 unduplicated elders throughout the region.

In addition to providing funding for the services listed above, the OCPC-AAA also used funding under Title III-F (Disease Prevention and Health Promotion) for the provision of Nutritional Education and one-to-one Nutritional Counseling. The OCPC-AAA also used funding from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for the provision of Prostate Cancer Awareness and Education presentations at various locations. A total of nine (9) educational presentations were conducted, serving 353 elders from throughout the region.

The AAA Advisory Committee Delegates and Alternates play a key role in the development and support of elder services and programs in the region. The Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives from each of the 23 communities, assists the AAA in assessing elder needs, recommending funding priorities, and recommending sub-grantees to provide Title III services. The support and cooperation of the local communities and Advisory Committee members is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Roberta Hafferty, AAA Advisory Committee Delegate
Ms. Phyllis Kiessling, AAA Advisory Committee Alternate

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

EASTON HANDICAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Easton Handicap Committee is a volunteer group of concerned Town residents charged with the responsibility of advising Town boards/committees, businesses, and individuals on matters of compliance with The Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A) and The Architectural Access Board (A.A.B.) codes.

In 1996 the Committee continued dealing with Easton businesses willing to work towards compliance.

The Committee is encouraged by the increasing awareness level of Easton citizens desirous of making equal access to buildings and services a reality in our community.

The Committee, in concert with the Easton Police Department and other Town officials, have acted towards strengthening awareness of HP parking procedures.

The Committee again would like to thank the A.D.A Co-Coordinators Ed Jacobson and Jeff Smith for their dedication and tireless efforts.

Two new full members, Carla Goodwin and Kevin Rosenberg will add to the strength and dedication of The Handicap Advisory Committee's commitment to a more accessible Easton. Their input in coming years will be welcome.

Sincerely,

Chuck Cramer and Jodie Schwarz, Co-Chair
Claire Johnson, Secretary
Carl Abramson
Arthur Ponticelli
Joanne Noel
Paul Schreiber
Melodye Chassey, Associate Member
Judy Gill, Associate Member

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Easton Housing Authority is pleased to report that its' 184 State-Aided Elderly, ten State-Aided Family and 101 Section 8 Certificates and Vouchers remained tenanted for the year.

The Authority welcomed Sandra Conant as a new member of our board in April, 1996. Ms. Conant as a resident of Parker Terrace has shown her compassion and concern for the residents of our developments and is a contributing, impassioned addition to our board.

The Authority was fortunate in receiving modernization grants for the replacement of four septic systems in the amount of $256,280.00 and after a very lengthy planning process, construction of these septic systems will begin shortly. The Authority also was successful in receiving a modernization grant in the amount of $49,200.00 for the replacement of second story decks at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle. This project is still in the design phase and will be put to bid very soon, with an early summer completion planned.

The Authority continues to host the Council on Aging, Old Colony Elderly Services, Visiting Nurses programs at the Robert J. Keefe Community Center. The center is a constant bustle of activity with congregate lunches being served Monday through Friday, line dancing classes being held twice a week, exercise classes, craft and knitting classes, blood pressure clinics, podiatry clinics, ceramic classes, games, bingo every Monday and movies being shown in the center. Every morning a fresh pot of coffee is made and shared by residents who faithfully meet for camaraderie and conversation.

Easton residents continue to receive a priority on all of our waiting lists and are encouraged to apply. Currently the income limits for our state-aided programs are as follows:

1 Person	$22,764.00
2 People	$26,016.00
3 People	$29,268.00
4 People	$32,520.00
5 People	$34,553.00
6 People	$36,585.00
7 People	$38,618.00
8 or more	$40,650.00

There no longer exists an asset limitation to apply for housing, so if you were under the impression that you didn't qualify for housing previously, please give the office a call at (508) 238-4747 to request information and an application. There are approximately 15 Easton residents on our state-aided elderly waiting list, and approximately 53 non-Easton residents on our state-aided elderly waiting list. Our state-aided family Easton resident waiting list has approximately 14 families awaiting for assistance and approximately 185 non-Easton residents.

Our Section 8 Waiting List remains closed to new applicants so that we may assist those that have been patiently waiting for assistance. We hope that this list will re-open sometime in the near future.

The Authority continues to extend its' gratitude to the residents, staff and residents of Easton for its' continued support. It is this support that enables the Authority to operate successfully and provide its' residents with safe, sanitary, decent housing using only revenue received from tenant rents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Fitzgerald, Chairman
Daniel Crane, Vice-Chairman
Sylvia Gardner (State-Appointed Member), Treasurer
June Brousseau, Assistant Treasurer
Sandra Conant, Member
Susan Horner, Executive Director

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

During 1996 the Town of Easton Fair Housing Committee continued its efforts to educate the public on the Fair Housing Laws.

The Fair Housing Committee Director maintained contact with rental property owners, real estate agents, bank loan officers, condominium trustees, tenant associations and community groups to educate them on fair housing issues. A Fair Housing brochure, encouraging individuals who feel they have been discriminated against in obtaining housing to contact the Fair Housing Committee director at the Town Offices, was distributed at the Easton Home Show.

The Town of Easton is committed to providing fair housing opportunities to all persons and we look forward to continuing our work with the Board of Selectmen, community groups and individual residents in carrying out our goals.

Respectfully submitted:

Dolores Kent, Director

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

EASTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Easton Housing Partnership started the year with three new voting members. No applications have come before us in 1996.

This Partnership hosted an education evening with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership bringing us up to date as to what the State is offering as well as the Soft Second Loan Program and Local Initiative Program. The members have been educated as to what their role as a Partnership is and what the State's role is.

The Partnership has worked with the Grant Writer comparing Easton's Initiative Project with other Communities by reviewing the programs and funding available at both State and Local levels.

The Partnership is currently studying other towns and assessing Easton's housing needs.

The Easton Housing Partnership meets regularly in the second week of each month at the Easton Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin Gillis, Chair
Carolyn Tabaie, Vice-Chair
Patricia O'Donnell, Member
Steve Freitas, Resource Person
Philip Barske, Resource Person

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

BORDERLAND STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Borderland State Park Advisory Council only held two meetings in 1996 but the results obtained by the meetings were very productive. The council advised the Division of Forests and Parks to reconstruct the main parking lot and eliminate muddy areas. many visitors to the park had complained about unpaved and poorly drained parking areas prompting the decision to seek a major rebuild.

With the help of Representatives and State Senators, funds were secured and construction was started in the spring and completed by summer. The Park now has facilities for 250 cars which will reduce the need to park cars on the street, creating a safety hazard.

The council is now working on a plan to finish the maintenance garage so that it can be used for maintenance of park equipment. It was built without an electrical service. The mansion is also in need of an improved electrical service because the present overhead line is vulnerable to storm damage.

If you have any questions about the park or any suggestions to improve services please feel free to contact your representatives on the Council.

John Kent, Easton Representative
Paul Berry, Easton Historical Society
John Ventresco, Friends of Borderland

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

1996 marked the first year of operation for the present committee. During the year the Committee met officially 12 times. The focus of these meetings and related research and activities was to properly educate ourselves on the recycling issues and tasks that presently and in the future will effect the Town of Easton. Our purpose was to lay the foundation for assessing and addressing these issues and tasks beginning in 1997. We structured our research and activities around the Recycling Committee Charge written in 1994 by the Board of Selectmen. In short, the Charge calls for the following: (1) the establishment of a comprehensive curbside recycling program; (2) promote recycling by way of a public relations and education program; (3) assist in the preparation of grant applications related to recycling; (4) involve the Easton School Department in a recycling program; and (5) draft a Selectmen's' policy regarding the purchase of recycled materials.

Our activities and accomplishments for 1996 included the following:

The Committee drafted a proposal to mandate recycling of various consumer waste materials by Easton residents that use the town landfill. The final draft of this proposed by-law was supported by the Board of Selectmen and passed at Town Meeting. It became effective on September 1, 1996. The purpose of mandating recycling rather than continuing it on only a voluntary basis was primarily to demonstrate to interested State agencies that Easton is strongly committed to the issue of recycling, subsequently putting the Town in the position to better qualify for various grant funds to assist with recycling and mandated landfill closure procedures. As of year end the Department of Public Works was reporting a marked increase in the percentage of recycled materials from the overall waste stream.

To promote the new recycling by-law and recycling in general the Committee arranged for the printing of a recycling information sheet that has been distributed at various public places around town for residents to take and keep for reference. It contains information on what items to recycle and hours of operation for taking these materials to the landfill recycling transfer site. The Committee also successfully lobbied the Easton Journal newspaper to periodically print a "Recycling Box" to further promote the recycling issue and procedures.

Information and assistance was provided to Martha White's office for the preparation of a grant application to obtain funding for additional recycling containers needed at the recycling transfer station and for promotional materials and funds to conduct additional publicity. As of year end no decision on the grant had been received.

Discussions have been conducted with the Easton School Department regarding a school wide recycling program but no plan had been devised as of year end.

Regarding the drafting of a Selectmen's policy for the Town to purchase recycled materials, the Committee has had several discussions with Staples, the company the Town currently has its office supplies contract with. Staples has put together a list of possible products made from recycled products that the Town can continually purchase. As of year end the Committee was researching the cost ramifications of purchasing these alternative products to determine what if any additional money it would cost the Town to implement a recycled products purchase policy.

Going into 1997 the Committee has developed and ratified a set of written objectives for 1997 that continue the efforts begun in 1996. A copy of this is available for review upon request. The Committee plans that by year end 1997 all of the items on the Recycling Committee Charge will be addressed and substantially complete.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Graff
Chairman

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE GROUP

Your community is one of eighteen cities and towns in Southeastern Massachusetts which belongs to SERSG.

ABOUT SERSG

The mission of SERSG is: **"To serve as a catalyst and implementer for member communities to act jointly to solve governmental problems or to deliver services to their citizens more effectively or efficiently."**

The SERSG communities as well as municipalities throughout the state and nation realize that certain goods can be procured and services delivered more cheaply and efficiently by employing economies of scale. However, the price of consolidation often has been a loss of citizen participation in local affairs, a growing beaurocracy, and finally, a case of governmental arteriosclerosis.

The SERSG approach to regionalism is unique. It is **grass-roots regionalism** wholly consistent with the long and rich tradition of flinty independence which has characterized local government in New England for more than three centuries. Unlike other approaches to regionalism which typically favor imposition from above of "one size fits all" solutions to problems, SERSG utilizes a voluntary "bottom up" approach. SERSG regional initiatives are requested by member municipalities and are tailored to meet the precise needs of those communities which are participating in that particular initiative. No community participates in an initiative it does not want or need.

SERSG is a bargain as well. Your community's sole obligation to SERSG is to pay the annual SERSG assessment. It is established annually by the SERSG Board made up of the Town Manager, Town Administrator, Executive Secretary, mayor or similar official of each SERSG community. For the past several years and for the coming year, that assessment is only $3,100. per community.

SERSG IN 1996

1996 was SERSG's fourth year of operation and was one of solid accomplishment and growth. SERSG continued to prepare and supervise joint procurements of various goods and services for its member communities. Its largest procurement was for DPW supplies and services totaling more than $6.9million. The SERSG communities saved approximately $600,000 on this procurement alone over what other communities are paying for comparable goods and services that they purchase individually. Of that total Easton's total saved was $53,453. Similarly, SERSG communities enjoyed a 62% savings off catalog prices when buying office supplies under the SERSG procurement.

SERSG also assisted municipalities in preparing to efficiently implement drug and alcohol testing programs for municipal commercial motor vehicle operators mandated by

the recent Federal Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act. SERSG also continued its annual program of in-service training for municipal employees and continued to keep its members abreast of change - particularly change having regional implications. Among issues being monitored actively by SERSG this year are de-regulation in both the telecommunications and electric utility industries. Cities and towns are significant users of electrical power and de-regulation may provide attractive opportunities for the exercise of group purchasing power.

LOOKING FORWARD

I believe SERSG's future is bright with promise. There are many opportunities and advantages in banding together with neighboring communities to solve certain common problems and to provide certain goods and services to your citizens. The challenge is to do it in a way that recognizes the traditional independence and citizen participation which characterizes local government in Massachusetts and does not bring with it the disease of bureaucracy and governmental arteriosclerosis. Most knowledgeable observers believe that County government will be abolished in 1997 - finally succumbing to just the maladies mentioned above. What will replace county government in Massachusetts? There are several models under discussion. One of them, which I believe is the best, is the SERSG model. Its voluntary, bottom-up approach to regionalism recognizes the importance of citizen participation in strong local government and embodies the lessons learned from the history of county government. Watch this debate as it unfolds in the Legislature and the public press in the coming year.

SERSG in 1997 will continue its basic procurement and training mission. It will also continue to follow actively on behalf of its members de-regulation, particularly electric utility de-regulation. At the suggestion of its members it is currently evaluating initiatives involving emergency water service, regional collection of household hazardous products and recycling. It may seek a Special Act of the Legislature to confer on it public corporate status - largely to facilitate the grant application process.

In closing, I want to thank, on behalf of the SERSG Board, all of the citizens, employees, and local officials who have been so helpful to me and SERSG in the past year. SERSG's promise for 1997 remains to **"to serve as a catalyst and implementer for member communities desiring to act jointly to solve problems or to deliver services more effectively or efficiently."**

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Salisbury, Regional Administrator
Southeastern Regional Services Group

1996 BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENT'S NAMES (MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER)
JANUARY		
3	Erica Joan Lewis	David C. & Joan D. (Brown)
5	Rebecca Leigh Schultz	Richard W. & Tina M. (Day)
6	Christopher William Duggan	Edward M. Jr. & Kathleen C. (Minion)
6	James Christopher Lane	James W. & Donna B. (Stein)
7	David Raymond Romero	Raymond J. Jr. & Barbara (Brockway)
10	Arianna Adelina Manzo	Michael A. & Jacqueline (Betancourt)
10	Colin Joseph Powers	Peter J. & Lisa R. (DiPaolo)
11	Kimberly Pauline Cohen	Andrew M. & Glenda M. (Carey)
12	Bradley James Capece	James E. & Beverly A. (McGee)
12	Catherine Elizabeth Graves	John W. & Mary L. (Fitzgerald)
15	Evan Hemmings Winfield	Larry E. & Gina J. (Tauriac)
16	Tyler Douglas Springhetti	Douglas E. & Kelly J. (Burnham)
17	Nora Comfort Tirrell	Edward & Patricia E. (Comfort)
19	Nikki Taylor Howe	David & Karen A. (Francioso)
19	Nina Taylor Howe	David & Karen A. (Francioso)
19	Briana Sarit Tautiva	Eduardo L.. & Sheryl R. (Joress)
24	Corey Joseph Colangelo	Donald J. Jr. & Adina E. (Weinstein)
24	Julia Marie Feeley	Joseph P. & Annemarie (Poirier)
24	Elizabeth Catherine Murphy	John J. & Elizabeth A. (Berolini)
26	Jeremy Ross Mendoza	Alejandro Y. & Carisa (DeCastro)
27	Caleb Gerard Coughlin	Gerard A. & Pamela S. (Senechal)
28	Brendan David Bullock	David M. & Kristen M. (O'Connell)
29	Carolyn Louise Deegan	Andrew R. & Cathy J. (Botts)
29	Emily Jean McNeill	Scott A. & Margaret M. (Lewis)
31	Kayla Michelle Dullea	Joseph W. & Kristen M. (Niccoli)
FEBRUARY		
1	Krista Ann Ruggiero	Mark R. & Kathleen A. (Sheehan)
2	Hallie Jane Miller	Seth A. & Donna (Gray)
6	Nicole Ann Cosgrove	Michael E. & Katharine H. (Nichols)
7	Tucker Davis Lippold	Rodney M. & Elizabeth A. (Muldowney)
8	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
9	Michael Henry Mailloux	Martin T. & Caroline (Ponte)
9	Kayla Nicole Hoffman	John E. & Lisa B. (Shifman)
10	Abigail Nicole Carbone	Andrew J. Jr. & Tracy L. (Gastol)
12	Ashley Kathleen McDermott	James A. Jr. & Marion A. (Purcell)
14	Courtney Danielle Nee	Earl S. Brockington & Margie L. (Brady)
15	Harrison Edward Zucco	Joseph F. & Martha M. (Myers)
16	Jessica Katin Brocklesby	Richard J. & Deborah A. (Deagle)
17	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
20	Nicholas Alexander Cadmus	Steven R. & Cheryl (Wright)
20	Lia Richel Chmielinski	Richard G. & Stephanie M. (Zak)

20	Ryan Joseph Hurley	Thomas M. & Karin Ann (Sheehy)
21	Annalea Ambraziejus	Rimas M. & Nancy A. (Podolski)
23	Jennifer Lisa Licker	Douglas E. & Dulce M. (Quezada)
24	Connor Michael Curtin	Gerald M. & Denise M. (Hannigan)
28	Liam Issac Laibson Brady	Stephen J. & Jolan C. (Laibson)
28	Holly Rose Lewis	Gary M. & Barbara A. (Russell)

MARCH

1	Courtney Amanda Keefer	John F. & Laura A. (Colbert)
3	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
3	Britton Davis Copley	Cristen R. & Judith (McCrone)
4	James Nicholas Donofrio	Brian K. & Ann-Louise (Petrillo)
5	Sean Harris O'Neill	Edward B. & Lori B (Elfbaum)
6	Lindsey Lee Foster	John D. & Judith A. (Bowes)
6	Hunter James Goodrich	Scott A. & Susan (Crivell)
6	Ryan Thomas McGinn	Thomas J. III & Brenda L. (Burak)
6	Carolyn Anne O'Neill	Brian T. Jr. & Diana M. (Garriga)
6	Brandi Nicole Tino	Ronald M. & Lori A. (DeCosta)
8	Joseph Thomas Walsh	Edward T. Jr. & Tara M. (Bagnell)
11	Dylan Michael Spender	Paul A. Jr. & Dawn M. (Tower)
12	Matthew Evan Kravitsky	Michael S. & Lisa D. (Noller)
17	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
23	Hannah Frances Altieri	Frank S. & Gail M. (Ward)
26	Mikenzi Wilsyn Maniff	Jeffrey S. & Robyne B. (Weiner)
28	Trevor William Devlin	William F. & Linda A. (Card)
28	Annie Elizabeth Hayes	T. Clark & Elizabeth (Knight)
28	Elizabeth Ingrid Jeffery	David R. & Maureen G. (Downes)
29	Austin Patrick Pires	Michael A. & Susan M. (Gilmore)
30	Matthew Brian Mulrean	Brian D. & Patricia A. (Phinney)
31	Sierra Rungtawan Tyrol	Mark D. & Rungtawan (Duangdhanod)

APRIL

1	Gabrielle Marie Audet	Andrew J. & Leslie M. (Colbert)
1	Andrew William Perron	Gregory P. & Catherine E. (O'Dea)
2	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
3	Adam Robert Karten	Louis A. & Carolyn (Marcus)
3	Nicholas Swain Koeppel	Robert C. & Elizabeth (Wells)
6	Morgan Allison Daly	Robert A. & Karen L. (Dillon)
11	Emily Beth Harrington	Vaughn D. & Susan M. (Reale)
12	Samuel Jacob Greenstein	Howard E. & Paula T. (Hunt)
12	Christopher Sergio Servello	Sergio F. & Dianna M. (Pratt)
15	Michael Anthony Cappiello	Michael P., Jr., & Debra A. (Camello)
17	Briana Lee Clark	Robert A. & Julie A. (Anderson)
17	Carolyn Marie Doty	David S. & Lynne F. (Murdoch)
18	Tyler Ross Slom	Elliott G. & Patricia L. (Carroll)

22	Mark Bradley Lawrence	Mark D. & Terry L. (White)
23	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
24	Amanda Margaret Carlson	James F. Jr. & Irene D. (McLeod)
26	Julie Ann Hagopian	Gregory F. & Lois J. (Howayeck)
30	Sarah Claire Harney	John D. & Lee A. (McLeod)

MAY

2	Nicholas Stephen Gentile	Stephen A. & Michelle L. (Post)
3	Jake Thomas Meade	Robert T. & Jodi L. (Colella)
4	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
4	Cooper Daniel Johnson	Miles D. & Katherine E. (Harpel)
5	Jacob Thomas Cahill	Michael W. & Juliana M. (Slein)
5	Samuel Joshua Graff	Michael A. & Lisa B. (Cutler)
6	Sadie Rose Baron	Lloyd F. & Wendy B. (Sherman)
11	Joshua Michael Godfrey	James M. & Monique (Piche)
13	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
14	Lucas Septelka, Jr.	Lucas & Kathleen M. (Hopkins)
14	Michael Adam Smith	Brian C. & Michelle T. (Gould)
20	Joseph Alexander Flaherty	Thomas E. Jr. & Pamela S. (Kennedy)
21	Jenna Marie Alfonso	Joseph D. & Lisa C. (Ironside)
22	Dylan Austin Miller	John J. & Kimberly D. (Dawson)
22	James William Palmer	William J. & Christina (Kershaw)
23	Reagan Elaine Cerci	Scott G. & Suzanne E. (Freeman)
23	Monica Rose Fies	Douglas F. & Elizabeth (Carchidi)
24	Taylor Marie Collett	William E., Jr. & Laura K. (O'Brien)
24	Drew Joseph Inglesi	Albert J., Jr. & Deborah (Johnson)
24	Emily Katherine Volk	Scott D. & Jeanette D. (Renzetti)
25	Jake Deluca Buck	Dennis E. & Carrie (Deluca)
31	Eric Parker Chartier	Paul L. & Deborah A. (Fields)
31	Christina Marie Franciosi	Peter M. & Judith A. (Soroka)

JUNE

4	Andrew Neil Callahan	Edmond D. & Julie M. (Sengstock)
5	Owen Edison Bescherer	John E. & Paula R. (Nicholson)
5	Daniel Louis Perkins	Lawrence L. & Nancy (Lieberman)
10	Caroline Grace Finn	Barry A. & Leslee G. (Angus)
14	Molly Elizabeth Constantine	Peter B. & Paula J. (Malpiede)
14	Colin Edward O'Hearne	John A. & Lisa L. (Friesen)
15	Alexander Tholander Lucia	Mark D. & Linda E. (Gill)
16	Erin Marie Feeney	Rodney F. & Lynne M. (Curtis)
19	Brady Aaron Royer	Timothy E. & Lisa A. (Breer)
20	Jessica Catherine Lowney	Edward J. & Erin (O'Shea)
21	Olivia Anna Hanscom	Richard E. & Julie (Emerson)
21	Sydney Devon Nolen	Richard D. & Janice M. (Parent)
23	Patrick Michael McKenna	Michael J. & Lisa M. (Fulcher)
25	Marissa Nora Levine	Todd M. & Kristin (Walbridge)

26	Bridget Cathleen McGrail	Richard E. III & Catherine N. (Steed)
28	John Robert Eccles	Robert & Marie J. (Patterson)
28	Colleen Marie Eccles	Robert & Marie J. (Patterson)
29	Jonathan Ross Berry	Michael R. & Susan M. (Habelt)
30	Rose Ellen Bunszell	Michael A. & Barbara J.. (Dicorpo)

JULY

2	Kelsey Taylor Chaplain	Craig D. & Brenda J. (Smith)
2	Amanda Nicole Morel	Denis R. & Helga S. (Kertenian)
3	Bette Jean McVay	Kenneth B. & Deborah A. (Pires)
4	Alexandria Gabrielle Acacia	Henri C., Sr. & Pierrette (Pierre)
4	Abigail Katharine Bates	David F. & Anna C. (Dela Cruz)
6	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
6	Marissa Erin Cremin	Timothy M. & Maribeth (Smith)
8	Erin Elizabeth Hickey	Timothy G. & Judy Anne (Berry)
10	Cameron Matthew Straughn	Frank X. & Gaelen R. (Martinson)
11	Grace Eileen Sweet	Charles S. & Nancy E. (Connors)
13	Gillian Leo Duffy Male	Paul A. & Susan L. (Duffy)
17	Christian Adrien Flaherty	Kevin G. & Denise C. (Robichaud)
17	Brandon Jeremy Poor	Bryan A. & Leighann (Ryan)
17	Brett John Robinson	Howard N. & Randi E. (Shone)
17	Samantha Erin Robinson	Howard N. & Randi E. (Shone)
18	Timothy Thomas Allen	Thomas A. & Judith A. (Callahan)
18	Robert Louis Hassan	Edward F. & Marie T. (Regnier)
18	Brandon David Hitchings	Robert J. & Stephanie E. (Parness)
18	Emily Louise Nelson	Glenn R. & Bethann (Smith)
21	James Francis Tierney IV	James F. III & Sandra R. (Parandes)
22	Jacquelyn Carey Gover	Timothy C. & Joanne M. (Henley)
22	Tyler Matthew Provost	Scott M. & Kim M. (Kemmitt)
24	Margaret Lee Tyer	Steven J. & Colleen F. (O'Brien)
25	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
25	Julia Pauline Condon	James R. & Annmarie (Vachon)
28	Danielle Antoinette Pacini	David E. & Stacey (Alleyne)
29	Joseph David Tepper	Richard N. & Jill D. (Tosi)
30	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
30	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
31	Colleen Marie Irvine	Joseph R. & Kathleen E. (Hoey)
31	Mark Raymond O'Brien	James M. Jr. & Keri A. (O'Connor)

AUGUST

1	Sarah Nicole Russell	John P. & Lori A. (Allsop)
3	Alexia Maria Andrews	Paul E. & Joanne D. (Demetriades)
3	Nicholas Russell Chapman	Brian S. & Michelle L. (Petti)
4	Heather Nicole Richardson	Douglas R. & Helena (Segal)
5	Brittany Lee Elliott	Richard L. & Suzanne L. (Rowell)
6	Christian Mark Hutchison	Mark A. & Laura A. (Kukla)
7	Connor Thomas Gooley	David M. & Diane M. (Chamberlin)
8	Joseph Abelardo Manuel Angeles	Edgardo C. & Catalina P. (Felix)
8	Kristina Elizabeth Cerqueira	Joseph H. & Paula J. (Romanelli)
8	Ethan Christopher Serjak	Christopher W. & Elizabeth T. (Toler)
8	Kraig Joseph Sweezey	Edward D. Jr. & Michelle A. (Ennis)
9	Sabrina Robin Foote	Scott D. & Ana M. (Ramon)
10	Samantha Jayne Foote	Steven D. & Frances M. (Marathas)
12	Jennifer Marie Rowse	Danny W. & Susan M. (Fournier)
16	Joshua Aaron Schleffer	Jonathan A. & Lisa A. (Ryan)
17	Child Born Out Of Wedlock	
18	Matthew Thomas Campanella	Thomas J. & Judith A. (Miller)
19	Joseph Gerard Imbriani, Jr.	Joseph G. & Debra M. (Salvucci)
19	Brandon James Short	James E. & Karen M. (Olsen)
20	Child Born Out Of Wedlock	
20	Zachary James Goveia	Jason D. & Debra M. (Ferry)
21	Sean Kenneth Hilton	Paul C. & Jessica A. (Chorlton)
22	Ingrid Carina Brugnoli-Ensin	Jerald J. & Lisa J. (Ensin)
24	Siobhan Frances McKenna	Brian J. & Mary E. (Foley)
25	Dalvin Brent Soares	Brent S. & Suzanne M. (Henderson)
27	Marisa Nicole Gargiulo	David M. & Kerri A. (Brien)
27	Tyler James Kent	James M. & Diane E. (Doucette)

SEPTEMBER

7	Omar Alaa Khamis	Alaa E. & Patricia D. (Perez)
8	Devin Anthony Bailey	Frank L. & Carla B. (Branting)
9	James Robert Shaughnessy	Robert M. & Ann M. (Bowes)
11	Ryan Michael Carney	Robert M. & Sheila (O'Brien)
15	Brandi Alexandria Gomes	Jose M. & Maria M. (Carreiro)
16	Anthony Michael Chase	Anthony G. & Alice M. (Hynes)
16	Caitlin Grace Corkum	Timothy A. & Christine G. (Lawson)
16	Lauren Jenny O'Reilly	Daniel J. & Nancy J. (Verdi)
22	Allison Rose Birmingham	James C. & Jennifer A. (Convey)
23	Christina Victoria Cobb	Daniel C. , Jr. & Agnes M. (Szakaly)
23	Nicole Alexandra LaPorte	Kevin E. & Claire M. (Taglieri)
24	Brian Thomas Behen	James M. & Jeanne M. (Ramondi)
25	Michael Henry Bruno	Michael S. & Pamela J. (Rullo)

27	Matthew Charles DeMarche	Michael C. & Caren J. (Davidson)
28	Justin Luck Lawrence	Todd F. & Paula A. (Sullivan)
29	Samuel Evan Chase	Stephen J. & Adell E. (Chase)
29	Dylan Adam Rose	Jeffrey E. & Tracey E. (Tattelman)
30	Amy Doryanna Solov	Daniel P. & Theresa M. (Ledin)
30	Steven Harry Tremblay	Harry S. & Heidi E. (Ostrander)

OCTOBER

1	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
2	John Francis Harkins	William M. & Catherine A. (Arsenault)
3	Andrew Scott Parsons	Herbert J. & Marcia Ellen (Barg)
4	Kayla Michelle Soucie	Lawrence J. & Nancy J. (Fulton)
7	Jake Anthony Corbett	Glenn R. & Anna M. (Marchesiani)
7	Molly Margaret Donovan	Michael E. & Jeannine (Reside)
7	Patrick Ivers McNeeley	Thomas W. & Karen (Ivers)
8	Dagny Rebecca Winner	Jeffrey A. & Lisa Eve (Sukienik)
11	Courtney Anne Hewitt	Gregory J. & Lauren M. (Mastromatteo)
15	Child Born Out of Wedlock	
18	Katherine Taylor Folan	Paul R. & Jennifer Ann (Scanga)
24	Aaron Isaac Lanner	Brian H. & Michelle P. (Nirenberg)
25	Nicholas Kemp Paparazzo	Anthony J. & Maureen S. (Cloutier)
25	Elizabeth Helen Pino	Paul G. & Colleen M. (Welch)
25	Ashley Rose Meltzer	Scott D. & Kimberly A. (Seaman)
27	Meghan Taylor Hurley	Paul D. & Kelley J. (Desnoyers)
31	Gennaro Ciatto	Tino & Louise (Giordani)

NOVEMBER

3	Alex James Cerce	Mark J. & Deborah L. (Fast)
3	John Anthony Cerce	Mark J. & Deborah L. (Fast)
4	Noah Michael Ryan	Michael J. & Melinda (Luke)
6	Mackenzie Catherine Webster	Gregory M. & Cynthia M. (Masciarelli)
8	Christopher Allan Spearin	James F. & Erika S. (Lindelof)
9	Nicole Hall Strong	David H. N. & Maureen (Nickels)
11	Michael Carmine Ferrara	Michael A. Jr. & Pasqualina (Pazzanese)
12	Alec Anthony Forcina	Joseph Jr. & Mary T. (Powers)
12	John Manuel Ramirez	John A. & Ann P. (Phinney)
13	Robert Charles Hawes	David J. & Carol (Nuccio)
13	Nora Marie MacLaine	Brian W. & Lorraine M. (Collins)
13	Ellery Morrow Schneider	Bradley R. & Margaret M. (Miller)
18	Megan Lynn Tamasanis	David J. & Roberta C. (McLean)
24	Kaleigh Marie Martin	Robert M. & Sharon M. (MacKinnon)
24	Katherine Laura Holmberg	Robert E. Jr. & Paula M. (Hayes)
25	Derek Austin Gordon	Charles H., Jr. & Luz A. (Zapata)
28	Lacey Sabrina Stagg	Roy A. & Paula L. (Ryan)
30	Sam Robert Kelley	Robert F. & Deborah M. (Pepin)

DECEMBER

1	Nicholas Anthony Ricciardi	Brian R. & Theresa L. (Munroe)
4	Talia Annette Leppo	Andrew P. & Jo Ann (Bonanno)
5	Logan Reid Viens	Norman E. Jr. & June P. (Duckenfield)
6	Thomas James Ingargiola	John J. & Stacey (Downey)
6	Haley Williams Gula	John M. & Kristen (Williams)
8	Reed Luigi Pollard	Jason R. & Magda G. (Cervesato)
20	Matthew Thomas Thibeault	Thomas G. III & Stacey N. (Sheehan)
27	Benjamin James Jennings	Mark S. & Naomi S. (Spitz)

1996 MARRIAGES RECORDED IN EASTON

JANUARY

5	Willard C. Johnson of Manchester and Regina R. Kobett of Easton

FEBRUARY

3	Paul R. Mulvey of Easton and Jennifer Albanese of Taunton
10	Joseph Benanti and Jean A. Hermanson, both of NJ
17	Christopher M. Baril of Lakeville and Lisa Maloney of Easton
24	Walter J. Turell and Linda M. Bogosian, both of Easton

MARCH

2	John E. Poirier of North Andover and Brenda L. Claffey of Easton
3	Peter B. Constantine and Paula J. Ford, both of Easton
20	Derek J. Kaufman and Kerry A. Domings, both of Easton
30	Jeffrey A. Gildersleeve and Margaret L. Neill, both of Easton

APRIL

13	Paul M. Murray of Quincy and Julie A. Lindstrom of Easton
13	James J. Magaldi, Jr. of Mansfield and Maria E. Police of Easton
20	Robert A. Sprague and Candice A. Kalp, both of Stoughton
23	Arthur C.-S. Garcia and Jennifer E. Ames, both of Easton
27	Scott R. Littlefield of Abington and Mary S. Gracia of Brockton

MAY

4	Peter D. Rice of Easton and Bethanie J. Luce of Weymouth
4	Jeffrey W. Collins of Raynham and Heather J. Ringland of Easton
4	John J. Fogerty and Charlene M. Peirce, both of Berkley
11	Nicholas M. R. Gerrior of Middleboro and Laura A. Clark of Easton
17	David E. Pacini of Somerville and Stacey L. Alleyne of Easton
25	Robert A. Orchard and Carrie-Joy N. McNeill, both of SC
18	David A. Burke and Janet L. Coulter, both of Mansfield
25	Lawrence T. Smolinsky and Carla R. Sherwood, both of Berkley
25	John D. Peters of Brockton and Kristin L. Trager of Easton
25	Carl J. Aftosmes and Nicole M. Tammaro, both of Mansfield
25	Daniel J. O'Reilly and Nancy J. Verdi, both of Easton
25	Edward V. Hennessey II and Susan Slater, both of NH

JUNE

1	Michael C. Derosa and Linda J. Stull, both of Easton
8	James L. Wood II and Carolyn E. Maguire, both of Easton
8	Brian E. Galbato and Beth A. Holmes, both of Easton
8	Bruce A. McPhee of Mansfield and Sandra L. Shaw of Easton
9	Daniel J. Kupferman and Korin M. Anderson, both of Easton
13	Kevin J. McCoy, Jr. of Easton and Ann L. Tobin of Boston
14	Michael J. King of IL and Beverly J. Rose of Easton
15	John P. Quattrucci of Easton and Caitlin M. Hennessey of Brockton
15	Christopher A. Harrison of Quincy and Kristin L. Humphrey of Easton
15	Spencer C. Theall and Jamie B. Mangott, both of Easton
16	James F. Spearin and Erika S. Lindelof, both of Easton
20	Gerald R. Capozzoli, Jr. and Michelle A. Hopkins, both o of NH
21	Robert S. Brown and Mary K. Brown, both of Easton
22	Robert J. Campbell of Stoughton and Lisa Doherty of Easton
22	Leo J. Kobs and Sheila F. Corbett, both of Easton
22	Michael J. Reed and Elaine L. Macdonald, both of Easton
22	Michael T. Gaines and Iris E. Coloma, both of Easton
22	Alfred A. Lincoln II and Tanya M. Mariani, both of Brockton
23	Michael A. Molinario, Sr. and Florence M. Carchia, both of Easton
28	Herbert D. Buchine and Stephanie M. Giovanello, both of Easton
29	Scott A. Davidson and Tammy S. Petrasko, both of Easton
29	Peter M. Feroli and Susan L. Flosdorf, both of Easton
30	Edward C. Donovan, Jr. of Raynham and Patricia A. Simmons of Easton
30	Michael T. Beier and Karen L. Hallet, both of MI

JULY

6	Mark T. Pattie III of Easton and Donna M. Peladeau of W. Bridgewater
11	Kenneth L. Hanson and Beverly A. Egger, both of Easton
12	Darin S. Wiegers of MI and Kelly E. Walker of Easton
13	Raymond R. Rowe III of Dracut and Valerie A. LaBelle of Easton
13	Lawrence P. O'Toole, Jr. of Attleboro and Karen M. Ricci of Stoughton
14	Jeffrey P. Harkins of Bridgewater and Kimberly A. Ledwith of Easton
20	Michael E. Curran of Taunton and Kara A. Cady of Easton
20	Mark J. Roback and Colleen M. Ahern, both of Easton
27	David G. Chenard and Rebecca M. Hanson, both of NY
27	Edward F. Swindelles and Jo-Ann E. Hanscom, both of Easton
27	Ralph S. D'Agostino of Plymouth and Elizabeth J. Chesser of Easton
28	Brett A. Clapp and Carol A. Horan, both of Easton

AUGUST

3	Paul H. Mullaly and Laurie J. Turpin, both of Easton
3	Ian A. MacDonald of Middleboro and Bridgette L. Gill of Taunton
4	Ronald L. Kandis and Denise E. Girardin, both of Easton
8	Amanollah H. Vakil of Easton and Guiti A. Vakil of MD
10	Brian F. Hinnebusch and Rebecca A. Smith, both of PA
10	Brian M. Richard and Sarah L. Constantine, both of Easton
17	Gregg R. Hough and Janice A. papineau, both of NH
17	Richard Macrina of Easton and Marion C. Whittemore of Bourne
17	Anthony W. Lodi and Stephanie L. Paras, both of Easton
25	Robert N. Sandler and Elaine R. Riman, both of Easton
29	James A. Del Pozzo and Judith M. Kmush, both of Easton
31	Ross S. Becker and Donna J. Bianchi, both of Easton
31	Robert S. Teague and Denise M. Buchanan, both of Easton
31	Robert A. Gonzalez of Easton and Erin T. Foley of Brockton

SEPTEMBER

7	William W. Bradley II of Brockton and Stephanie A. Witiaz of Easton
7	Daniel C. Loura and Patti I. Cohen, both of Easton
7	Robert Furber and Andrea B. Petrucci, both of Easton
7	Joseph T. Kennon, Jr. and Deborah A. Keene, both of Easton
7	Eddy R. Rodriguez and Kimberly A. Farrell, both of Paterson, NJ
7	James M. Pearson and Darlene F. Beckford, both of Easton
14	Steven M. Spatola and Julie A. Mowatt, both of Brockton
14	Dale R. Queenan and M. Kathleen Larkin, both of Easton
14	Steven M. McCarthy and Sandra L. Bulman, both of Mashpee
15	Charles A. Sammarco of Easton and Lori M. Carr of Needham
21	Albert E. Robinson of No. Attleboro and Hazel E. Askew of Easton
21	Kevin J. McNamara and Debra A. Vilk, both of Easton
21	Darren E. Cohen and Arlene D. O'Neill, both of Norton
27	David L. Chapman and Jennifer L. Crabbe, both of Easton
27	Michael S. Drane and MaryJane Denley, both of Easton
29	Peter M. Cali, Jr. and Kellie M. Kates, both of Brockton

OCTOBER

4	Paul J. Manzone and Kellie J. Crowley, both of Easton
5	Mohammed J. Al-Habahbeh of VA and Lisa J. Looney of Easton
5	Timothy P. Bruce of Pembroke and Laura L. Lockary of Easton
5	Joseph R. Coughlan and Vera M. Silva, both of Easton
5	Jason A. Carfagna and Kimberly R. Voss, both of Easton
5	Joseph P. Mitchell and Andrea D. Carney, both of Mansfield
5	Paul T. Silk and Donna M. Andreotti, both of Easton
6	Paul A. Marino, Jr. and Jennifer M. Javorski, both of Easton
6	Stergios M. Dalkouras and Donna M. McLeod, both of Brockton

11	Christopher B. Burns and Ann Stewart, both of Easton
12	Dean Athanis and Susan J. Vendetti, both of Easton
12	David Chirichiello of Quincy and Suzanne E. Murphy of Easton
12	Paul S. Cottam of Stoughton and Dorothy Powers of Easton
12	Joseph M. Ziniti and Melissa A. Hood, both of CA
13	Albert H. Benson and Joanne M. Kossuth, both of Easton
19	Steven T. Basara and Ann-Marie Pickering, both of Easton
19	Richard V. Francescon of Easton and Kimberley L. McKeon of Randolph
19	Bryan E. Besse and Lisa Jean Fowler, both of Easton
25	Victor R. Peters II of Abington and Margaret C. Bota of Easton
26	David T. Harrison and Kelly Ann O'Leary, both of IL
27	Kenneth F. Macolini and Margaret E. Randall, both of Easton

NOVEMBER

2	Robert M. Dolloff of Mansfield and Elisa M. Gesin of Easton
2	Christopher J. Cogan of Stoughton and Kathleen M. Teague of Easton
2	Christopher J. Pierce and Heidi E. Coe, both of Easton
16	Scott F. Ceurvels of Braintree and Pamela A. Breen of Easton
16	David L. Tremblay and Diane M. Maillet, both of Easton
22	George E. Dorr and Ruth A. Ware, both of Bourne
23	Gary F. Sullivan and Kim Margolis, both of Easton
23	Richard L. Studholme, Jr. and Carolyn M. Delano, both of Easton
29	John F. Corrigan and Carmen I. Rodriguez, both of Easton
30	Andrew M. Fallon and Kim J. Burnap, both of Easton
30	Dean R. Bullock of Avon and Geraldine P. Brown of Easton

DECEMBER

7	Clifton D. Wohlen and Judith I. Hodnett, both of Easton
7	Kenneth B. Ritchie of Bridgewater and Ann M. McCoy of Whitman
14	Alan D. Hoffman and Kerrie S. Hill, both of Easton
22	Jerrold S. Zweihorn and Margaret D. Donahue, both of Easton
27	R. Chris Johnson and Nicole J. Barra, both of Antioch, TN
28	John V. Fallon and Joanne Delaney, both of Easton
28	William G. O'Handley and Patricia A. Hough of Cape Coral, FL

1996 DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON

DATE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE
JANUARY			
1	Paul C. Carter	78	Easton
1	James E. Murray, Sr.	74	Easton
2	Chester J. Latlippe	79	Easton
4	Bernice Engle	97	Easton
9	Claire A. Gulan	83	Easton
9	Carl E. Sundell	85	Easton
11	Paul S. Brasill	91	Brockton
11	William F. Wollfe	64	Easton
14	James C. Zemeitus	69	Easton
14	Barbara H. Leavitt	84	Easton
16	John L. Schuller, Sr.	95	Easton
20	Margery Armitage	82	Easton
23	Clemence L. Baldwin	92	Easton
24	Charles J. Warren	90	Easton
24	Roy A. Carlson	78	Easton
26	Constance L. Soley	52	Easton
28	Mary E. Dailey	82	Easton
31	Kayla M. Dullea	Baby	Easton
31	Edith L. Meehan	82	Easton
FEBRUARY			
2	John F. Carr	48	Fall River
3	Lawrence W. Shiere	82	West Bridgewater
3	Joseph M. Mendonca	79	Easton
4	Harold E. W. Stuart	98	Easton
6	Judith C. Trosky	58	Easton
7	Virginia Rollins	74	Easton
8	Esther Valcarcel	98	Easton
9	Norman A. Anderson	73	Easton
11	Alexander J. Pires, Sr.	76	Easton
15	John R. Dyment, Sr.	69	Randolph
16	Rose Gordon	98	Easton
19	Frank Anderson	87	Easton
19	Richard W. Teague, Sr.	76	Easton
19	Isabel F. Jardin	95	Stoughton
20	Ernest W. Marshall	92	Mansfield
27	Elva F. Bailey	95	Easton

MARCH

1	Mary A. Pollard	79	Falmouth
7	Ruth A. Carpenter	83	Easton
7	Sears B. McCorrison	76	Stoughton
7	Mary V. Silva	92	Easton
9	Helen M. Ranta	85	Easton
11	Harry S. Sulham, Jr.	65	Attleboro
13	Emmanuella T. Freitas	76	Easton
14	Susan McInnis	66	Easton
15	Doris M. Howard	69	Easton
16	Saverio Celia	77	Easton
18	Alice Blazewicz	41	Easton
18	Elizabeth V. Hinds	86	Easton
22	Henry E. Lindstrom	81	Easton
25	Ronald S. Barreira	53	Easton
25	Mary A. Walsh	94	Easton
28	Alan J. Poirier	44	Easton
30	Elsie Olson	72	Attleboro

APRIL

2	Janie A. Larson	88	Easton
2	Diane LeBlanc	46	Easton
6	Charles E. Brochu	85	East Dennis
8	Rosarie Manning	68	Easton
9	Helen C. Sullivan	78	Easton
10	Stella R. Ekstrom	66	Easton
11	Beatrice Lockary	85	Easton
13	Elizabeth Constantine	73	Easton
16	Catherine Behrakis	83	Canton
22	Sergej Szumylo	73	Brockton
23	Joan M. Pioli	63	Easton
26	Robert A. Gurn, Sr.	56	Abington
28	Virginia R. Hughes	70	Easton
28	James F. Sullivan	65	Easton

MAY

2	Malcolm M. Comstock	82	Easton
8	Goldie Horne	83	Easton
11	Rosemary J. Cushman	44	Easton
14	Henry Marchurs	85	Norton
16	Peter C. Zatzos	46	Easton
17	Marjorie L. Eklund	72	Easton
18	Sidney Koretz	77	Easton
22	Margaret Sampley	53	Easton

27	Regina L. Perry	46	Attleboro
30	Alice Ortendahl	85	Brockton
31	Dorothy M. Stone	67	Easton

JUNE

3	Joseph D. Lawlor	90	Easton
8	Roger K. Tillson	84	Easton
9	Inez Powell	75	Easton
12	Herrick H. Hollis	60	Easton
13	Gertrude A. Sullivan	89	Easton
14	James P. Gallagher	84	Easton
15	Richard Rock	58	Easton
16	Louis M. Clay	77	Easton
17	Janet Cleckley	70	Brockton
18	Dorothy M. Hopkins	74	Easton
20	Edna J. Moffitt	54	Easton
21	Thomas D. Carlson	44	Easton
22	Konrad J. Wagner	66	Easton
25	Ann M. DeCristofaro	25	Easton
25	Clifford H. Manns	76	Easton
26	Allan J. Browne	81	Easton

JULY

2	Louis S. Valente	81	Easton
4	Claude L. Mourey	88	Easton
7	Anna C. Gichel	63	Easton
13	Allan E. Watts	60	Easton
18	Carlo DelPozzo	80	Brockton
18	Donald Morrissey, Sr.	53	Easton
24	Alexander Czik	75	Easton
28	Warren F. Hopgood	72	Easton
30	Jean F. Duffy	57	Easton
31	Daniel W. Davis	78	Easton

AUGUST

1	Matthew K. Englehart	18	Easton
5	Barbara W. Chase	79	Easton
8	Renee Cassiani	62	Easton
8	Rose M. Ferris	95	Easton
10	Florence E. Scammell	94	Easton
11	Monique Strahle	49	Easton
12	Helen L. Doherty	76	Easton
14	Helen M. Argento	73	Easton

23	Richard E. Bousquet	68	Easton
24	Charles S. Clarke, Jr.	67	Easton
26	Helena R. Holster	75	Easton

SEPTEMBER

2	Gary A. Cushing	43	Easton
5	Louise E. Holmes	79	Easton
6	Mary Pitblado a/k/a Mabel Petti	82	Brockton
18	Muriel Pratt	82	Norwood
19	Francis J. Callahan	86	Easton
20	Dorothy Hurd	60	Easton
27	Eileen E. Morse	72	Easton

OCTOBER

12	Edward E. Olson	89	Easton
12	Virginia M. Guthrie	69	Easton
13	Eunice C. Mowatt	83	Easton
15	Robert L. Smith	76	Easton
16	Kathleen A. Courville	49	Easton
26	Mary L. Dupont	65	Easton
26	Phyllis A. Pignone	76	Easton

NOVEMBER

1	Albert J. Ouellette	79	Easton
6	Alice E. Anderson	80	Easton
8	Agnes M. Gambon	98	Mansfield
8	Anita Leavitt	91	Foxboro
9	Maureen A. Comeaux	52	Easton
9	Catherine J. Guest	72	Easton
10	David J. Ross, Sr.	92	Easton
11	Pauline J. Joyce	79	Easton
12	Mary R. Cole	77	Easton
14	Thomas F. Roberts, Jr.	69	Easton
15	Mary C. Pires	77	Boston
17	David M. Bragdon	42	Easton
18	Virginia E. Dyer	53	Easton
19	Florence H. Corkum	87	Easton
23	Lucious Bell, Jr.	57	Easton
23	George M. Bagge	80	Easton
24	Mary Ann Maguire	76	Easton
29	Patrick J. Spacone	82	Easton

DECEMBER

2	Norah Feeley	94	Brockton
2	Elizabeth MacKenzie	44	Brockton
4	Eileen M. Loden	76	Easton
8	Marie T. Henderson	86	Mansfield
9	Mary McCarthy	94	Easton
16	Charles J. Reilly	81	West Bridgewater
17	Frederick A. Wilde	84	Brockton
22	Dorothy Capps	79	Stoughton
24	Leon V. Burke	75	Easton
30	Edward M. Ryan, Jr.	70	Brockton
31	Susan E. Anderson	61	Easton
31	James D. Mullen, Sr.	97	Brockton

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Various meetings of the Board of Registrars were held for registration of voters for Town Meetings and all elections. This report is being dedicated to the memory of our Chairman, Frederick A. Wilde who passed away on December 17, 1996.

At the close of registration on Wednesday, February 14, 1996 (For Presidential Primary March 5, 1996)

	DEM	REP	LIB	UNEN	TOTAL
P1	545	498	0	1083	2126
P2A	95	135	1	305	536
P2B	434	380	0	775	1589
P3	414	342	3	904	1663
P4	513	418	1	1070	2002
P5	440	335	0	1134	1909
P6	454	323	0	1051	1828
TOTAL	2895	2431	5	6322	11653

At the close of registration on Friday, February 23, 1996 (For Special Town Meeting March 4, 1996)

P1	550	501	0	1101	2152
P2A	96	135	1	304	536
P2B	435	380	0	780	1595
P3	420	342	3	912	1677
P4	515	419	2	1073	2009
P5	444	337	0	1147	1928
P6	454	326	1	1063	1844
TOTAL	2914	2440	7	6380	11741

At the close of registration on Tuesday, March 19, 1996 (For Annual Town Meeting & Election)

P1	552	495	0	1087	2134
P2A	96	131	1	293	521
P2B	432	373	0	767	1572
P3	415	342	3	900	1660
P4	513	417	2	1064	1996
P5	443	332	0	1148	1923
P6	450	339	1	1055	1845
TOTAL	2901	2429	7	6314	11651

At the close of registration on Friday, July 12, 1996 (For Special Town Meeting July 22, 1996)

P1	546	477	0	1140	2163
P2A	88	130	1	302	521
P2B	422	357	1	776	1556
P3	422	331	4	899	1656
P4	495	410	2	1093	2000
P5	446	343	0	1158	1947
P6	446	334	0	1043	1823
TOTAL	2865	2382	8	6411	11666

At the close of registration on Wednesday, August 28, 1996 (For State Primary September 17, 1996)

					INT 3RD PTY	
P1	564	520	0	1162	0	2246
P2A	92	134	1	305	0	532
P2B	438	371	2	799	0	1610
P3	443	347	5	926	0	1721
P4	510	434	4	1100	1	2049
P5	460	359	1	1184	0	2004
P6	468	364	1	1059	0	1892
TOTAL	2975	2529	14	6535	1	12054

At the close of registration on Wednesday, October 16, 1996 (For State Election November 5, 1996)

P1	590	525	0	1207	2322
P2A	91	134	1	308	534
P2B	454	381	2	842	1679
P3	491	365	9	1002	1867
P4	522	443	4	1132	2101
P5	488	372	2	1250	2112
P6	494	380	1	1098	1973
TOTAL	3130	2600	19	6839	12588

Respectfully submitted,

Jean H. Cote
Albert W. Fleury
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Clerk
Board of Registrars of Voters

TOWN CLERKS FEES ISSUED JANUARY 1996 TO JUNE 30, 1996

(Previous Reports were based on Calendar year. This report shows only six months as we are changing reporting to fiscal year)

Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates	568	$ 5.00	$ 2,840.00
Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates	191	$ 4.00	$ 764.00
Marriage Intentions	59	$ 15.00	$ 885.00
Voter I.D. Cards	32	$ 5.00	$ 160.00
Business Certificates	87	$ 20.00	$ 1,740.00
Business Discontinuances	3	$ 10.00	$ 30.00
Financing Statements	213	$ 10.00	$ 2,130.00
Financing Releases	23	$ 5.00	$ 115.00
Sale of Street lists			$ 381.00
Recording Pole Locations			$ 240.00
Copies, Etc			$ 579.85
Raffle Permits	7	$ 10.00	$ 70.00
Sale of By-Laws/CodeBooks/Voter Lists			$ 16.50
Duplicate Dog Tags	4	$ 3.00	$ 12.00
Interest			$ 54.93
Board of Appeals Filing Fees			$ 1,000.00
Declaration of Homestead			$ -
Sale of Fishing Holders			$ 11.25
Transfer Dog License			$ -
Total Town Clerk Fees			$ 11,029.53
Sporting License Fees			$ 165.35
Total Paid to Town Treasurer			$ 11,194.88

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED 1996

Issued January 1996 to June 1996 inclusive

(Previous Reports were based on Calendar year. This report shows only six months as we are changing reporting to fiscal year)

# issued	License	Fee	Total
	1995 Licenses	(January to April)	
21	Neutered Males	$10.00	$210.00
21	Males	$15.00	$315.00
38	Spayed Females	$10.00	$380.00
9	Females	$15.00	$135.00
0	Transfer Licenses	$3.00	$ -
89	Total Licenses		$1,040.00
62	Late Fees	$ 25.00	$1,550.00
	Collected		$2,590.00
	1996 Licenses	(April to June)	
493	Neutered Males	$ 10.00	$4,930.00
246	Males	$ 15.00	$3,690.00
792	Spayed Females	$ 10.00	$7,920.00
85	Females	$ 15.00	$1,275.00
4	Kennel	$ 25.00	$100.00
1	Kennel	$ 50.00	$50.00
0	Transfer Licenses	$ 3.00	$ -
1621	Total Licenses		$17,965.00
0	Late Fees	$25.00	$0.00
	Collected		$17,965.00
1710	Total Licenses Collected		$19,005.00
62	Total Late Fees		$1,550.00
	Total Funds Collected		$20,555.00
	Total Paid to Treasurer		$ 20,555.00

The total number of licenses issued for each of the last six years was as follows:

1990	1598
1991	1885
1992	1765
1993	1685
1994	1744
1995	1778

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC
Town Clerk

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED FROM DECEMBER 1995 TO JUNE 1996

ISSUED DECEMBER 1995 TO JUNE 1996 INCLUSIVE

(Previous Reports were based on Calendar year. This report shows only six months as we are changing reporting to fiscal year)

#issued	LICENSE	FEE	TOTAL
240	Resident Fishing	$22.50	$5,400.00
7	Resident Minor Fishing	$6.50	$45.50
15	Resident Fishing (Age 65-69)	$11.25	$168.75
4	Resident Fishing Handicapped	$0.00	$0.00
1	Non-resident Fishing	$32.50	$32.50
1	Non-resident Fishing 3-Day	$18.50	$18.50
0	Resident Fishing 3-Day	$7.50	$0.00
2	Resident Trapping	$30.50	$ 61.00
	Resident Trapping Minor	$6.50	$0.00
0	Resident Trapping (Age 65-69)	$15.25	$0.00
1	Duplicate Fishing	$2.00	$ 2.00
	Duplicate Trapping	$2.00	$0.00
271	Total Fishing Licenses		$5,728.25
12	Resident Hunting	$22.50	$270.00
0	Resident Hunting (Age 65-69)	$11.25	$0.00
0	Resident Hunting Paraplegic	$0.00	$0.00
0	Resident Alien Hunting	$22.50	$0.00
0	Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game	$94.50	$0.00
	Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	$60.50	$0.00
	Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	$6.50	$0.00
61	Resident Sporting	$40.00	$2,440.00
11	Resident Sporting (Age 65-69)	$20.00	$220.00
54	Resident Sporting (Over 70)	$0.00	$0.00
0	Duplicate Hunting	$2.00	$0.00
0	Duplicate Sporting	$2.00	$0.00
138	Total Sporting Licenses		$2,930.00
16	Archery Stamps	$5.10	$81.60
18	Waterfowl Stamps	$5.00	$90.00
14	Primitive Firearms Stamp	$5.10	$71.40
346	Wildland Conservation Stamps (Reside	$5.00	$1,730.00
2	Wildland Conservation Stamps (Non-Re	$5.00	$10.00
396	Total Stamps Issued		$1,983.00
409	Total Licenses Issued		$8,658.25
805	Total Licenses and Stamps Issued		$10,641.25

350	Fees Deducted	$0.50	$175.00
18	Fees Deducted	$0.25	$4.50
30	Fees Deducted	$0.10	$3.00
407	Fees Deducted	$0.00	
805	Total Fees Deducted		$182.50
	Total Paid to Fisheries & Wildlife		**$10,458.75**

The total number of licenses for each of the last six years was as follows:

(Licenses and Stamps)	1990	683
(Licenses and Stamps)	1991	1048
(Licenses and Stamps)	1992	1400
(Licenses and Stamps)	1993	1432
(Licenses and Stamps)	1994	1301
(Licenses and Stamps)	1995	1277

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC
Town Clerk

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to submit the Easton Fire and Rescue Department Annual Report for the year 1996 for your review.

Public Education and Fire Prevention

The number one priority of this Department is to prevent the needless injuries, suffering and property loss caused by fires, accidents and related incidents. In this regard, we maintain an extremely active educational program aimed at preventing these incidents before they occur, or reducing the severity of any resulting incidents.

The highly successful Safety Awareness & Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program (now in it's second year), continues to be well received by Easton elementary school children and teachers. Funded by a $8,500.00 competitive grant from the State's Department of Public Safety, it allows local fire departments to place a firefighter into the schools throughout the year teaching fire and life safety. Important fire safety lessons designed for each grade level (K-6) are taken right into the classroom and are presented in an effective interactive style. While the 1995 pilot program curriculum focused on grades K-3 students, we have since been able to add grades 4-6 students to the 1996-1997 curriculum now impacting over 2000 Easton students.

Firefighters David Beals, Thomas Nicholson, Lawrence Blye and Jeffrey Webster again taught their fire safety message to all Kindergarten classes and Day care centers on Fire Prevention Week in October. They continued in following weeks teaching grades 1 through 6. Fire Safety education for these grades will continue in the Spring of 1997.

The Easton Fire and Rescue Department is now on the world wide web. Using the latest technology to further the Fire Prevention message, this summer, Firefighter Jeffrey Webster volunteered to create a Home Page for our Department. The web site can be reached through the internet address of: **http.www.argo.net/~eastonfire**. On the site you will find information about our department, fire safety information, as well as links to hundreds of other fire services around the world. I can be reached via e-mail through our web page, or at **philbl@argo.net** .

Fire safety and fire extinguisher training was provided for local nursing home staff, regional school bus drivers and Easton businesses under the direction of department Training Officer Captain Howard and on-duty firefighters. During 1996, Firefighter Anderson conducted classes in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to the public, Town Pool Lifeguards, and Recreation Department workers.

The Fire Prevention Division, under Captain John Webster conducted fire inspections as required by State Law. Schools and nursing homes were inspected on a quarterly basis. Underground tank removals and blasting operations were monitored and target areas where fire-safety education was needed were identified.

Senior Code Compliance Officer Wayne Delaney of the State Fire Marshal Division continues to maintain a satellite office at Fire Station #3. This enables us to have a valuable link via computer to the State Fire Marshal's Headquarters in Stow, MA. This link allows us immediate access to information on hazardous conditions we may encounter as well as up to date changes in State Fire Laws and Regulation. Having Officer Delaney in the station enables us to obtain instant assistance in interpretations of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations and State Fire Laws. He is also available to provide enforcement of the fire regulations when it becomes necessary.

Operations

There were a total of 2932 incidents responded to by the department in 1996, for fire, emergency or other related problems. There were 30 dwelling fires, 5 fires in commercial property and 5 fires in other types of structures. There were 4218 Fire and Rescue Department equipment responses in 1996. I am pleased to report that in 1996 none of our citizens lost their lives or were injured due to a fire. Estimated property loss for all 1996 incidents to which the fire department responded amounted to $333,450.00, an increase in loss of $63,625.00 from last year. Eleven (12) firefighters were injured in the line of duty in 1996, up by one from last year.

In 1996 the Easton Fire and Rescue Department continued to render too, and request from surrounding towns and cities, mutual aid fire and ambulance assistance. Due to the severe winter in 1996, the department responded to 415 auto accidents. Fire personnel responded to 20 spill or fire involving hazardous materials in Easton during the year.

There were 1446 emergency medical responses by the Fire Department Ambulance in the past year, an increase of 198 responses over last year. These responses resulted in the transport of 816 persons to local hospitals. In November, the Department received the civil service list and began hiring procedures for two additional Firefighter/Paramedics as funded by Special Town Meeting in July, 1996. This will bring our Advanced Life Support trained personnel to a total of six (6) Firefighter/Paramedics and seven (7) Firefighter/Intermediate Emergency Medical Technicians. In addition we have 19 Firefighter/Basic Life Support EMTs.

As a result of a $130,000.00 increase to the Fire Department budget at the Special Town Meeting in July 1996, the Department was able to reopen the Depot Street fire station #2 and Bay Road fire station #3 on a full time basis. Prior to that vote, they were alternately closed for one month periods during the year due to funding.

Firefighter Training and Education

Training and education are vital in ensuring that the Easton Fire and Rescue Department is able to respond effectively to the many and varied calls for assistance it receives. The Easton Fire and Rescue Department provides comprehensive training in the following areas: recruit (entry level), in-service skills development and refresher training, special skills development (hazardous materials, arson investigation, technical rescue, etc.), and officer supervisory skills and command skills development. During the year members attend required training which provides individual skills development and promotes team building. The results of this effective training program show up on the emergency scene through smooth, safe and effective operations.

In 1996, members of the Department attended the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Flammable Gas Program. This course included controlling and extinguishing live flammable gas fires on a variety of props at the Academy's Stow facility. Massachusetts is fortunate to have what is considered one of the finest flammable gas training facilities in the nation. In May, 1996, the Department was able to practice structural firefighting skills under live fire conditions using an old farmhouse on Bay road that was donated for that use by a local contractor, Mr. Tad Decouto. We were able to have several fires in the building. This type of training is especially valuable in team building. The Department has also been training with our confined space rescue equipment. Acquiring technical rescue capability has been a proactive rather than reactive development of the Department.

As our Town grows and develops, the Department is called to deal with situations that are becoming increasingly complex due to technological advances in our society. The Department is finding that it is more and more difficult to provide in-service training in the advanced technical fields, and that we must send personnel to places such as the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Barnstable Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy, in Emmitsburg, MD. As Fire Chief, I am proud of the capabilities and accomplishments of this department's employees, and can assure you that they are up to the challenges the future may bring.

Fire Alarm

The Fire Alarm Division, under Deputy Norman McNeill has continued to update the fire alarm system. New master fire alarm boxes were installed on commercial buildings. Fire Alarm wire was extended into new developments as needed and a street Fire Alarm Boxes, paid for by the contractor, installed. The fire alarm system continues to be budgeted and successfully funded through a Fire Alarm Off-set Receipt Account.

Apparatus

A new fire department service truck was purchased and placed in service this year. The 1985 Ambulance was replaced with a new large Advance Life Support ambulance, paid for out of the user fees collected and budgeted through the Ambulance Off-set Receipt account. Thought must be given by Town officials toward regular replacement of our fire apparatus. This year I have proposed a 5 year replacement program for pumping engines and 15 year replacement program for the ladder truck, to the Capitol Budget Committee and Town Administrator. The current ladder truck is approaching 30 years of service. The Town should consider the purchase of a new more modern Ladder truck to replace our aging vehicle before we have to obtain antique license plates for it.

Personnel

In February, 1996, I was stricken with a heart ailment and was out of work for five months. During that time, Deputy Chief Norman McNeill took over the Department in my absence as Acting Chief. I would like to publicly thank him for a job well done. I would also like to thank my Executive Assistant Lillian McGranachan, and all the Fire Officers and Firefighters of this department for the assistance they provided Acting Chief McNeill and me throughout this past year. The officers and firefighters of this department continue to donate many hours of their own time assisting the department and attending training courses in advanced fire fighting and medical techniques in order to perform their tasks in a more efficient manner. I would again like to recognize and thank all thirty-four of them for their contribution in making the Easton Fire and Rescue Department the professional and well educated organization it is. As Fire Chief, I take great pride in the capabilities and accomplishments of our personnel who give so willingly of their time and talents for the people of Easton.

Conclusions

In closing, I would also like to thank all of Easton's citizens, officials, boards, committees, and other town departments who have come to our assistance this past year. You may rest assure that we will continue to provide the best in both emergency and non-emergency services in the most efficient manner possible in the future.

I would like to end the 1996 report by reaffirming our Mission statement:

Mission Statement

"The Easton Fire and Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community."

"We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and well being of the community."

"We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services and other related emergency and non-emergency activities."

"We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens."

"Always ready, proud to serve."

Respectfully submitted,
Phillip E. Blye, Chief

1996 ANNUAL REPORT

EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report for the Year 1996.

I am sad to announce the retirement of a dedicated Officer, Roger McGloin. I have worked with Officer McGloin for over twenty-five years. He always acted professionally in every situation he dealt with. We will all miss Roger and wish him well on his retirement. I'm certain that his wife Sandy will make sure that Roger enjoys their planned tours.

I am pleased to report that crime is continuing to reduce in certain areas: Break & Entry Residence & Businesses, Break & Entry Attempts, Larceny of Motor Vehicles & Attempts.
Traffic Accidents were up by 90 due to the severe winter we had. Unfortunately, fatalities increased by 3 totaling 4 for the year.

Our department is continuing to apply for and receive State & Federal Grants. A special thanks to Officer Jack Lynn for coordinating our grant program.

State Community Oriented Policing Grant	$ 29,000.00
Two State Grants for our D.A.R.E. Program	$ 16,000.00
Federal Grant for Dispatchers	$ 71,167.00
Federal Grant for Bullet-Proof Vests	$ 8,600.00
State Block Grant for Community Policing	$ 2,500.00
Copeland Fund Grant for D.A.R.E.	$ 5,000.00

With the Community Oriented Policing funds received, we are continuing our condo patrols and increasing the number of courses in self-defense offered to the women in our town. Officer Denise Parker and Sergeant Allen Krajcik have done an excellent job with this program. They also have started self-defense courses for the elderly. Officer Parker also conducted two Safe Sitter courses.

We have now entered the world wide Internet system with our own home page **(www.eastonpd.com).** Officer Eric Lundberg, one of our computer experts, has done a fine job with our Internet page. We have over fifty pages that involve all areas of our department. We are very proud of our home page and invite you to check it out.

We now have a Citizens Police Academy. This year we held two sessions. The program is conducted by our Crime Prevention Officer Mark Ferretti and Detective Michael Fox. Officer Ferretti also has fifteen Neighborhood Watch groups. This program has been extremely effective.

Our Bike Patrol has been continually expanding from the park areas to general patrol.

Our D.A.R.E. program is expanding. We have trained a new officer, Dwayne Farrell who will start in March with the pre-school program. Officer Patrick Brophy continues to do an excellent job as our full-time D.A.R.E. officer.

Michael Fox , our Juvenile Detective and part-time D.A.R.E. Officer, risked his life by stopping an intoxicated driver who refused to stop and was headed for a busy intersection. His actions undoubtedly saved a number of lives. Michael underwent surgery late this year and will return to work in February or March of 1997. We are all thankful that he is coming back and we look forward to working with him again.

Our Safety Officer Dwayne Farrell has continued with the "55 Alive" program being offered to our senior citizens to review motor vehicle safety. Our TRIAD program for seniors continues to progress in a successful manner. We still have two senior citizens doing volunteer work on a regular basis. A special thanks to Mary Bonner and Elizabeth Verity for their assistance.

Court Officer Albert Belmonte and Patrol Officer William Domenicucci have been conducting a local TV show called "Code Seven with Bill & Al". This has been an excellent tool for getting information out to the general public. Their technique is unique utilizing humor to put the message across.

The number of traffic citations issued continues to increase. The task of issuing citations is one of our most important functions. By having a low tolerance for motor vehicle violations, our roads are made safer and personal injury accidents decline. Although the number of accidents increased this year, the personal injury accidents stayed the same as last year.

Lieutenant Lawrence Krohn continues to conduct animal complaint hearings. This allows the Selectmen to deal with more important matters. This practice has been extremely successful due to the experience of Lt. Krohn, having served as the department's prosecutor for over twenty years.

We have increased the number of civilian dispatchers to five. With the assistance of the Federal Government, we hope to acquire one additional dispatcher. This will assist us when expanding to central dispatching covering both the Police and Fire Departments.

Our Community Oriented Policing philosophy has continued to make a difference in the way crime and problem-solving is conducted. We are optimistic and will continue to seek ways of reducing crime and making Easton a better place to live in.

A special thanks to the citizens of Easton and the many organizations and other departments that have assisted us.

Alcohol and drug abuse continues to plague our society. Get involved with your children. Setting a positive example paves the way for their future.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Easton Police Department is to protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all of our citizens. This can be achieved by working in harmony with the community we serve, committed to the conviction that together we have real power over the formation of our own destiny."

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Stanley P. Bates

1996 STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS ----- 14,151

E 9-1-1 CALL VOLUME

Total Primary Calls Answered	4,375

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Murder	0
Suicides	1
Attempted Suicides	11
Rapes	1
Robberies	7
Assault & Battery/Weapons	6
Assault & Battery	67

PROPERTY CRIMES

BREAK & ENTRIES

B & E Residence	50
B & E Motor Vehicle or Shed	66
B & E Business	30
B & E Attempts	10

LARCENIES

Larcenies over $250	114
Larcenies under $250	116
Larceny Attempts	10
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	36
Larceny of Motor Vehicle Attempts	9
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	17
Shoplifting	11
Stolen Property	23

ARRESTS	272
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs	41
Protective Custody	33

MISCELLANEOUS TYPES

Domestic Disturbance	110
Disturbance	279
Disturbing the Peace	2
Disorderly Persons	14
Noise Complaints	196
General Service	1,348
Missing Persons	30
Runaways	10
Vandalism	279
Alarms	1,865
Fire Alarms	118
Annoying Phone Calls	149
Animal Complaints	558
Motor Vehicle Lockouts	379
Hunter Complaints	16
Juvenile Offenses	22

ACCIDENTS

Fatal Accidents	4
Property Damage Accidents	514
Personal Injury Accidents	127

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Citations	1,861
Pistol Permits Issued	170
Firearms I.D. Cards Issued	82

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

At the end of this year our Animal Control program increased to two part-time Animal Control Officers. We added Elizabeth DeRosa to our team and with her assistance look forward to being able to deal with the demand for services. We are continuing to provide more than adequate services due to the cooperation between the Police Department and our department. We continue actively purging unlicensed dogs. By licensing our dogs we are assured that dogs are properly vaccinated for rabies. By having identification tags, animals hit by vehicles can be properly identified. In the event a person is bitten, needed information is readily available.

I am pleased to announce that Easton is no longer classified as a rabid town. The animals we tested for rabies all came up negative. Regardless, all bites by animals should be taken seriously and medical attention sought immediately. We will continue to monitor for rabies keeping the public informed.

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

Calls received	2,714
Complaints	1,215
General Information	1288
Missing Animals	211
Dogs picked up	56
Dead Animals	148

Thirty-two dogs were returned to their owners or adopted. Five dogs were turned over to rescue leagues. Nineteen cats were turned over to the M.S.P.C.A. Nineteen dogs were euthanized. Euthanization is a last resort, and in most cases necessary, when animals are badly injured or severely ill. Every possible attempt is made to find homes for unwanted animals. Five dogs were left in our kennel. The one hundred and twelve dead animals included those hit by cars, those euthanized, natural death and killed by other animals.

We are continuing to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs with hearings held at the police station.. This is part of the Police Department's efforts to reach out to the community using a Community Oriented Policing philosophy. Lt. Lawrence Krohn and I have conducted numerous hearings at the Police station. These hearings involve unlicensed, unleashed dogs, dog bites and nuisance complaints. Together we have solved many complaints saving the Selectmen and our courts valuable time. This also saves our citizens from going to Taunton District Court and missing work. These hearings have been a great success reducing my appearances in court and raising

revenue from uncollected dog license fees. I appeared in Taunton District Court with forty -eight cases.

We would like to thank the owners of animals who are in compliance with the license and leash laws.

Respectfully submitted,
John Melin
Animal Control Officer

DEAD ANIMALS

Dogs	19
Cats	39
Raccoons	33
Woodchucks	13
Opossums	17
Squirrels	11
Rabbits	6
Skunks	2
Birds	3
Bat	1
Fox	1
Deer	3
Pig	1
Muskrat	1

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF

SELF HELP INCORPORATED

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF EASTON

During the program year ending September 30, 1996, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately $8.6M and provided direct services to 17,202 limited income households in the area.

In the Town of Easton Self Help Inc. provided services totaling $77,121 to 136 households during program year 1996.

The total funding of $8,615,509 does not tell the real value of human services delivered to the area as a whole. Self Help's funding enabled us to mobilize an additional $1,258,647 of other community resources such as, contributions from the towns, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the gross value of Self Help Inc., during the past program year was $10,143,470.

Self Help currently employs 248 individuals, many of whom are of limited income, minorities, and who reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1996 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many limited income individuals as we did, in spite of the challenges and uncertainties with which we were faced, and decreases in fundings we experienced.

We thank all the volunteers, Boards of Selectmen, and their representative(s) to our Board of Directors, representatives of the limited income sectors, and representatives of the private sector for helping to make Fiscal Year 1996 a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Administrative/Personnel Assistant

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1996

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol: **GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 4th day of March, next, at 7:00P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, March 4, 1996

The Special Meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard C. Dailey at 7:10 p.m. with quorum present. The following non-residents were allowed into the hall: Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance; Steve Louko, microphone carrier; Fred Lewis, Enterprise correspondent; Stephen Nolan and Atty. Cheryl Neilsen, representing T & M Realty; David Cleary re Boy Scout project; Jim Walsh from Old Colony Planning Council for Conservation Commisison.

Moderator Dailey then passed the gavel to Deputy Moderator John F. Creedon due to conflicts with both articles being presented this evening.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to purchase, acquire by gift, or take by right of Eminent Domain, under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 79, for Recreational Purposes, certain parcels of land situated Southerly of Summer Street, and Easterly of Bay Road, numbered 248 Bay Road, North Easton, purported to be owned by the Estate of Hildur J. Truman, bounded and described as follows: the certain real estate situated in said Easton bounded beginning at the Northeast corner of the premises in the South line of Summer Street at center of Black Brook, and at corner of land now or formerly of L.K. Wilbur; thence running by center of said Brook 95 feet to a corner in said Wilbur's land; thence Easterly, Southerly, and Westerly, and Southwesterly by land of said Wilbur to a corner of land formerly of one Williams, but now or formerly of John T. Johnson; thence Northwesterly and West by land now or formerly of John T. Johnson to Bay Road; thence Northerly by Bay Road to land formerly of Winfred Littlefield, but now or formerly of John T. Johnson; thence Easterly by land of John T. Johnson about 245 feet to corner; thence Northerly by land now or formerly of Augusta P. Johnson to land now or formerly of Gibbons and Towle; thence East, South, Southeasterly, Northeasterly, East and North by wall and land now or formerly of said Gibbons and Towle to said Summer Street; thence by said Summer Street Easterly about 890 feet to the point of beginning.
ALSO the land in said Easton together with the buildings thereon, situate on the Easterly side of Bay Road and Southerly side of Summer Street, containing 12 acres, more or less; bounded North by Summer Street; West by Bay Road, South and East by land formerly owned by Fred B. Littlefield, recorded with Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 1387, page 836, both parcels shown as a total of 71 acres on Easton Assessors Map U30-8., and to determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation., by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

After a partial presentation by Town Moderator Kevin Paicos and some discussion, a motion to close debate was passed (404 voted to close debate; 124 voted not to close debate). This was determined by a

standing count by the following counters: John Kent, Michael Boyle, Bruce Baker, Charles Willis, John Keach, David Betzer, Gary Spurr and Richard Harb.

The main motion to borrow $900,000 to take by right of Eminent Domain land as described in the Warrant did not carry on a voice vote.

The meeting was dissolved at 9:00 p.m. Total voters present - 564.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to purchase, acquire by gift, or take by right of Eminent Domain under the provisions of Chapter Seventy Nine (79) of the General Laws, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting for and in behalf of the town, to exercise its right of First Refusal pursuant to section 14 of Chapter 61A of the General Laws, for Conservation Purposes, in obtaining the following parcel of land, supposed to be owned by James J. Friesen and Marie J. Friesen of 121 Washington Street, North Easton, Mass., situated Westerly of said Washington Street, known and numbered as 121R Washington Street, shown on Assessor's Map U8 as Lot 3, containing 23.40 acres more or less, and more particularly described in deed from William E. Kutcher, et ux, to James J. Friesen, et ux, dated July 23, 1964, recorded with Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 1445, pate 1014, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements with private parties or state or federal agencies for financial assistance in connections with such acquisition, and to do all acts and things necessary for completing the purpose of this vote, and to determine whether the money for such acquisition shall be provided by taxations, by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, or by borrowing under the provisions of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Further that said parcel of land shall be conveyed to said Town under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, section 8C, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission, which is hereby authorized to file for and in behalf of the Town of Easton, any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or under the Self Help Act, Chapter 132A, section 11, or any other such acts in any way following within the scope of this Article or vote, and said Conservation Commission is authorized to enter into all agreements, and execute such instruments as may be necessary to effect said purchase on behalf of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 5th day of February in the year nineteen hundred and ninety six.

William Hardin, Chairman
Jeffrey Tufts, Clerk
Frederick Clark
Patricia Hunt
Daniel Churchill
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. Feb. 12, 1996
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.
John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true record. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth

WARRANT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Bristol, SS.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at

Precincts 1, 2A, 2B, and 4 - Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Jenny Lind St.
Precincts 3, 5, 6 - Knights of Columbus Hall, Foundry Street

on TUESDAY, THE 5TH OF MARCH, 1996
7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes to the Primary Officers for the election of candidates of political parties for the following office

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE
DISTRICT MEMBERS OF STATE COMMITTEE (one man and one woman) for each Political Party for the Plymouth & Bristol Senatorial District
DISTRICT MEMBERS OF STATE COMMITTEE (one man and one woman) for each Political Party for the Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth Senatorial District
35 Members of the Democratic Town Committee
35 Members of the Republican Town Committee
3 Members of the Libertarian Town Committee

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of February, 1996.

Fred Clark
William D. Hardin
Jeffrey Tufts
Patricia F. Hunt
Daniel W. Churchill
SELECTMEN OF Easton

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. Feb. 26, 1996
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

PRESIDENTAL PRIMARY
Tuesday, March 5, 1996

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, March 5, 1996. The polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One - John F. Mara, Warden; Dorothy M. Stone, Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Isabel Silva, Ethel Gardner, John Vieira, B. Marie Phillips, Inspectors.

Precinct Two (A and B) - Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison, Deputy Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; Virginia Rogers, Esther Mahoney, Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, Robert McLaughlin, Evelyn Simpson, Inspectors.

Precinct 3 - Claire Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Rose Furlong, Patricia Dooley, E. Pamela Corbett, Ella Porter, Inspectors.

Precinct 4 - Elizabeth A. Porter, Warden; Robert E. Leonard, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk;, J. Jacques Tremblay, Barbara Walsh, John Sullivan, Marjorie Jumpe, Inspectors.

Precinct 5 - Beverly Phillips, Warden; Helena M. Luxton, Clerk, Eleanor Blye, Blanche Hicks, Sandra Conant, E. Louise Vose, Clyde Craig, Inspectors.

Precinct 6 - Mary Norrman, Warden; Janet Barron, Deputy Warden; Anne Martin, Clerk; Filimona Malcosky, Marilyn Williams, Harvey Blackman, Harold Craig, Inspectors.

The number of ballots cast:

	Pct 1	Pct 2A	Pct 2B	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Republican Party	313	111	235	200	288	236	219	1602
Democratic Party	75	15	87	55	65	53	55	405
Libertarian Party	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	5
Total	388	126	322	255	356	291	274	2012

The result of the election was:

REPUBLICAN PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE								
Richard G. Lugar	3	0	5	1	2	7	2	20
Morry Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Phil Gramm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patrick J. Buchanan	81	22	64	36	70	67	66	406
Bob Dole	151	67	115	96	163	109	92	793
Steve Forbes	42	8	19	35	31	27	34	196
Lamar Alexander	19	10	17	17	15	17	12	107
Alan Keyes	6	2	6	9	4	3	3	33
Robert K. Dornan	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
No Preference	8	1	8	4	0	1	2	24
Write-Ins	1	1	0	1	2	2	4	11
Blanks	1	0	1	0	1	3	3	9
Total	313	111	235	200	288	236	219	1602

STATE COMMITTEE MAN (Second Plymouth & Bristol District) (Pcts 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5)

Lawrence P. Novak	141	54	119		140	109	-	563
R. Andrew Burbine	102	33	64		76	66	-	341
	1	0	0		0	0	-	1
Blanks	69	24	52		72	61	-	278
Total	313	111	235		288	236	-	1183

STATE COMMITTEE MAN (Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth District) (Pcts 3, 6)

Jeffrey L. Tufts	-	-	-	146	-	-	171	317
	-	-	-	0	-	-	3	3
Blanks	-	-	-	54	-	-	45	99
Total	-	-	-	200	-	-	219	419

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (Second Plymouth & Bristol District) (Pcts 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5)

Rita B. Kechejian	198	56	134	-	157	139	-	684
Write-Ins	1	0	1	-	2	2	-	6
Blanks	114	55	100	-	129	95	-	493
Total	313	111	235	-	288	236	-	1183

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth District) (Pcts 3, 6)

Holly J. Robichaud	-	-	-	134	-	-	142	276
Deborah K. Markson	-	-	-	23	-	-	28	51
Write-Ins	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	1
Blanks	-	-	-	43	-	-	48	91
Total	-	-	-	200	-	-	219	419

TOWN COMMITTEE (NOT MORE THAN THIRTY-FIVE)

Group 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joseph A. Mancuso	57	12	53	31	49	40	33	275
Ross Muscato	86	26	86	37	78	58	46	417
Anne Marie Martin	69	18	58	35	65	54	39	338
Richard W. Martin	67	16	62	32	63	50	35	325
Martin D. Conboy	51	10	47	25	47	38	43	261
George M. Turner III	60	12	54	22	52	50	36	286
Michelle J. Turner	54	13	48	26	48	46	32	267
Derek Olson	61	14	58	29	57	47	44	310
Rita Creighton Muscato	79	25	76	31	63	53	49	376
Group 2								
Clifford Skip Davis, Jr.	110	37	84	70	115	72	80	568

Michael T. Whitney	79	26	47	56	78	43	59	388
Deborah Darling	91	30	55	64	86	58	67	451
Kent M. Keith	79	26	50	58	78	42	65	398
Charles A. Partridge	74	25	47	55	78	43	60	382
Jeffrey L. Tufts	115	42	86	80	115	81	95	614
August Arns	91	33	58	58	85	54	65	444
Nancy J. Arns	89	33	53	63	86	55	66	445
Albert W. Fleury	86	29	64	61	84	60	59	443
Charles J. Malcosky	83	29	62	66	80	54	62	436
Filimona Malcosky	80	29	57	66	84	52	63	431
John A. Keach, Jr.	113	36	83	71	108	69	77	557
Barbara W. Chase	88	28	54	60	74	49	62	415
Richard H. Chase	82	26	56	62	75	46	57	404
Carla A. Goodwin	92	37	63	62	101	73	73	501
Christine F. Reynolds	96	39	65	62	83	50	64	459
Andrew A. Alholm	72	25	48	56	80	41	53	375
Charles H. Hammond	91	29	70	67	88	51	51	447
Thelma A. Hammond	79	25	52	59	80	44	57	396
Joseph P. Mastrorilli	73	27	53	58	81	42	58	392
Enis Almquist	89	29	70	60	80	47	57	432
Margaret J. Howard	76	26	50	56	75	42	62	387
R. Scot Walsh	72	24	45	62	74	42	58	377
Marilyn S. Williams	77	24	48	58	77	47	70	401
Everett W. Hall	83	27	61	56	84	50	60	421
Gathry L. Hall	82	30	62	57	88	49	60	428
Agnes L. Wiedemann	78	25	58	57	77	43	53	391
Mary V. Alholm	74	27	48	54	83	42	53	381
Frederick Gladstone	101	33	83	65	105	55	66	508
Robert T. Leonard	81	33	59	57	87	42	55	414
Richard W. Mayo	79	28	57	57	75	38	55	389
Charles F. McCarthy, Jr.	97	40	84	62	97	50	61	491
Amberly J. Tufts	91	33	57	65	89	54	72	461
Janice A. Davis	88	32	59	60	80	58	61	438
Wayne E. Benson	106	34	68	68	102	61	69	508
Blanks	7333	2683	5567	4584	6546	6025	5103	37841
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	10955	3885	8225	7000	10080	8260	7665	56070

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE								
Bill Clinton	61	15	68	47	52	49	47	339
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	5	0	3	1	3	1	1	14
No Preference	9	0	8	4	7	1	3	32
Write-Ins	0	0	6	1	2	1	4	14
Blanks	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	6
Total	75	15	87	55	65	53	55	405

STATE COMMITTEE MAN (Second Plymouth & Bristol District) (Pcts 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5) (ONE)								
Paul D. Sullivan	54	11	64	-	42	38	-	209
Write-Ins	0	0	2	-	0	0	-	2
Blanks	21	4	21	-	23	15	-	84

Total	75	15	87	-	65	53	-	295
STATE COMMITTEE MAN (Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth District) (Pcts 3, 6) (ONE)								
William R. Keating	-	-	-	50	-	-	44	94
Write-Ins	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	1
Blanks	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	15
Total	-	-	-	55	-	-	55	110
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (Second Plymouth & Bristol District) (Pcts 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5) (ONE)								
Ellen A. Callanan	56	11	64	-	42	37	-	210
Blanks	19	4	23	-	23	16	-	85
Total	75	15	87	-	65	53	-	295
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth District (Pcts 3, 6) (ONE)								
Sally A. Linton	-	-	-	45	-	-	41	86
Write-Ins	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	1
Blanks	-	-	-	10	-	-	13	23
Total	-	-	-	55	-	-	55	110
TOWN COMMITTEE (NOT MORE THAN THIRTY-FIVE) Group								
James D. Mullen, Jr.	51	11	68	36	40	32	35	273
Michelle T. Meehan	50	11	57	38	31	37	32	256
William J. Meehan	48	11	57	37	33	31	36	253
Andrew J. Parker	44	11	52	35	31	30	29	232
Peter W. Howlett	44	11	53	35	31	28	29	231
Leo F. Kent	48	11	58	37	36	32	28	250
John J. Kent	54	11	62	38	41	36	34	276
Jean M. Kent	48	11	58	39	36	36	33	261
Grace G. Healey	46	11	57	37	35	31	31	248
Thelma L. Mullen	48	11	60	36	36	31	28	250
Richard N. Driscoll	44	11	58	40	35	28	31	247
Leo R. Harlow	55	12	58	35	41	34	30	265
Frederick A. Wilde	45	11	60	38	36	29	28	247
Craig B. Barger	44	11	50	37	29	29	28	228
William D. Hardin	52	10	61	40	33	33	36	265
Harvey B. Blackman	46	11	49	38	27	28	29	228
Estelle J. Blackman	48	11	50	40	27	32	29	237
Jean H. Cote	46	11	55	38	32	32	32	246
Write-Ins	9	1	7	2	8	1	2	30
Blanks	1755	326	2015	1249	1657	1285	1365	9652
Total	2625	525	3045	1925	2275	1855	1925	14175

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE								
Harry Browne	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	5
Rick Tompkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irwin Schiff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	5

STATE COMMITTEE MAN (Second Plymouth & Bristol District) (Pcts 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5) (ONE)

Blanks	0	0	0	-	3	2	-	5
Total	0	0	0	-	3	2	-	5

STATE COMMITTEE MAN (Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth District) (Pcts 3, 6) (ONE)

Blanks	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (Second Plymouth Bristol District (Pcts 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5) (ONE)

Blanks	0	0	0	-	3	2	-	5
Total	0	0	0	-	3	2	-	5

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth District) (Pcts 3, 6) (ONE

Blanks	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0

TOWN COMMITTEE (NOT MORE THAN THREE)

Blanks	0	0	0	0	9	6	0	15
Total	0	0	0	0	9	6	0	15

A true record. Attest:

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1996

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol; GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 8th day of April, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

Moderator Richard C. Dailey called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with quorum present. The following: were voted admittance into the hall: Peter Huie, Town Engineer, Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance Superintendent, Annalee Bundy, Librarian, Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent, Michael Green, School Principal, Fred Ames, Oakes Ames Memorial Hall; Robert Venturi, Richard Stokes and Dan MacCoubrey of Venturi, Scott Brown Assoc. Inc. re Library; Larry Keegan of Hoyle, Tanner & Associates re Main Street articles; Fred Lewis Enterprise Correspondent; Tom Glynn, Easton Journal; Audrey Rose, Mark Begley Microphone Carriers.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 2. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to use from Surplus Revenue to reduce the tax levy for the current year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector/Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 1997, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allocated by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction or improvements of the public roads and sidewalks, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

The Selectmen arrived at this time. A proclamation for Clyde A. Craig, Jr. was read making April 10, 1996 Clyde Craig Appreciation Day for his 50 years of serving the Town.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, under the provisions of Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other enabling authority, for Library / municipal purposes, the land known and numbered 51 Main Street and 33 Lincoln Street, North Easton, MA, purported to be owned by Douglas A. King, and described as follows: Lots 1, 4, and 15 Easton Assessor's Map U16, also shown as Lots 1 through 6, and Theater Way on a Plan entitled "Shakespeare Glen, Definitive Subdivision, Plan of Land in Easton MA, July 27, 1985, revised August 21, 1985, and September 4, 1985, Ernest W. Branch, Civil

Engineer", recorded Bristol County N.D. Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 348, Pages 62-64. Said land is also described in Deeds recorded Bristol County N.D. Registry of Deeds, Book 2240, Page 300, and Book 2225, Page 139; also to vote to appropriate a sum the Town would raise from the tax levy or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or transfer from available funds or otherwise, and appropriate to the Board of Selectmen to pay for the acquisition of said land, or to be used for payment of land damages or other costs and expenses of such acquisition, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements with private parties or state and federal agencies for financial and other assistance in connection with such acquisition, and to do all other acts and things necessary and proper for carrying out the purpose of this vote. (Submitted by Library Board of Directors)

VOTED THAT $600,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR ACQUIRING BY GIFT, PURCHASE, OR EMINENT DOMAIN, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 79 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, FOR LIBRARY/MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, THE LAND KNOWN AND NUMBERED 51 MAIN STREET AND 33 LINCOLN STREET, NORTH EASTON, MA, PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY DOUGLAS A. KING, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOTS 1, 4 AND 15 EASTON ASSESSOR'S MAP U16, ALSO SHOWN AS LOTS 1 THROUGH 6, AND THEATER WAY ON A PLAN ENTITLED "SHAKESPEARE GLEN, DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION, PLAN OF LAND IN EASTON, MA JULY 27, 1985 REVISED AUGUST 21, 1985, AND SEPTEMBER 4, 1985, ERNEST W. BRANCH, CIVIL ENGINEER", RECORDED BRISTOL COUNTY N.D. REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 348, PAGES 62-64, SAID LAND IS ALSO DESCRIBED IN DEEDS RECORDED BRISTOL COUNTY N.D. REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 2240, PAGE 300, AND BOOK 2225, PAGE 139:

SAID LAND IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4, SHAKESPEARE GLEN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED SUBDIVISION PLAN THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 348, PAGES 62-64 OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS; THENCE RUN N87°35'00"W, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, 258.20 TO THE EASTERLY LOT LINE OF LOT 5 OF SAID SHAKESPEARE GLEN THEN N 02°35'00"E, ALONG THE DIVISION LINE BETWEEN SAID LOTS 4 AND 5, 28.12' TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE N75°28'32"W, ALONG THE DIVISION LINE BETWEEN SAID LOTS 4 AND 5, 151.12' TO THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A PROPOSED STREET SHOWN ON THE ABOVE REFERENCED SUBDIVISION PLAN AS THEATER WAY; THENCE S61°37'46"W, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 35.00'; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 101.78' ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, ON THE ARC OF A CIRCULAR CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, WITH A RADIUS OF 107.00', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 54°30'00", A CHORD BEARING OF S34°22'46"W, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 97.99'; THENCE S07°07'46"W, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 74.49'; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 43.59' ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, ON THE ARC OF A CIRCULAR CURVE, CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY, WITH A RADIUS OF 25.00' A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 99°53'46", A CHORD BEARING ON S42°49'07"E, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 38.27' TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LINCOLN STREET; THENCE S87°14'00"W, ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID LINCOLN STREET, 15.22';THENCE S87°48'00"W, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 72.21'; THENCE N07°07'46"E, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 1 OF SAID SHAKESPEARE GLEN, 152.12'; THENCE N87°10'41"W, 45.00'; THEN N75°15'00"W. 33.80'; THENCE N16°46'00"E, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINES OF LOTS 1 AND 2 OF SAID SHAKESPEARE GLEN, 349.40'; THENCE N74°06'20"E, 49.86'; THEN N10°52'30"E, 30.00'; THENCE S86°13'57"E, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF LOT 6 OF SAID SHAKESPEARE GLEN, 439.04'; THENCE 51°46'20"W, 61.65'; THENCE S01°27'08"W, 151.50'; THENCE N82°30'53"E, 36.50'; THENCE S11°53'32"E, 204.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 4.58 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, PARKING, DRAINAGE, AND OTHER UTILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4, SHAKESPEARE GLEN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED SUBDIVISION PLAN THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 348, PAGES 62-64 OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS; THENCE RUN N11°53'32"W, ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF LOT 4 OF SAID SHAKESPEARE GLEN, 204.00'; THENCE S82°30'53"W, 36.50'; THENCE N01°27'08"E, 151.50'; THENCE N51°46'20"E, 61.65' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE 86°13'57"W, 228.00'; THENCE N47°03'08"E, 171.44'; THENCE S86°13'57"E, 100.00'; THENCE S50°46'40"E, 76.44' THENCE S51°46'21"E, 62.91'; THENCE S55°13'03"E, 46.79'; THENCE S64°56'37"E, 42.33'; THENCE S80°38'52"E, 36.52'; THENCE N60°58'20"E, 38.18'; TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MAIN STREET; THENCE S09°29'44"W, ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 35.50' TO A CORNER OF LAND OWNED BY THE AMES FREE LIBRARY; THENCE N83°13'40"W, ALONG LAND OF SAID AMES FREE LIBRARY, 58.74'; THENCE N74°46'40"W, ALONG LAND OF SAID AMES FREE LIBRARY, 41.80'; THENCE N85°40'40"W, ALONG LAND OF SAID AMES FREE LIBRARY, 148.50' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $500,000 UNDER G.L. C. 44, SEC. 7(3); THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIRE SUCH LAND BY GIFT, PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN AND TO USE THE APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED BY THIS VOTE TO PAY FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUCH LAND OR TO PAY LAND DAMAGES AND OTHER COSTS AND EXPENSES OF SUCH ACQUISITION; THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACT FOR AND EXPEND ANY FEDERAL OR STATE AID OR OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. ***12 NO; WELL IN EXCESS OF 24 YES. ARTICLE CARRIES.***

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will approve renovation and an addition to the Library building at 53 Main Street No. Easton, MA, currently providing library services for the Town of Easton, and approve the preliminary design for renovation and addition to the same, and authorize the Library Directors and/or Board of Selectmen to apply for any state and/or federal funds which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of said design, construction, and original equipping of said facility, and to authorize the Library Directors to accept and expend any such funds, when received, without further appropriation. (Submitted by Library Board of Directors)

AMENDED. VOTED TO APPROVE THE RENOVATION AND ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY BUILDING AT 53 MAIN STREET, NO. EASTON, MA, CURRENTLY PROVIDING LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON, AND APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR RENOVATION AND ADDITION TO THE SAME, AND AUTHORIZE THE LIBRARY DIRECTORS AND/OR BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO APPLY FOR ANY STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO DEFRAY ALL OR PART OF THE COST OF SAID DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND ORIGINAL EQUIPPING OF SAID FACILITY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN AND LIBRARY DIRECTORS TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY SUCH FUNDS, WHEN RECEIVED WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of renovating the existing library building at 53 Main Street, No. Easton, MA, and constructing an addition to the existing library facility, where such addition will increase the floor space of that building, including the cost of furnishing and equipping the same, as well as architectural/engineering, site preparation and other

expenses incidental thereto including creation of roads and driveways and engineering or other costs related thereto, and determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation, appropriated by transfer from available funds, by borrowing , or otherwise. Further, that the Directors of the Ames Free Library, Easton's Public Library, shall be authorized to apply for, and accept any federal or state grants which may be available for the project, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (Submitted by Library Board of Directors)

VOTED THAT $5,000,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR REMODELING, RECONSTRUCTING OR MAKING EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS TO THE EXISTING LIBRARY BUILDING AT 53 MAIN STREET, NO. EASTON, MA AND CONSTRUCTING AN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING LIBRARY FACILITY, WHERE SUCH ADDITION WILL INCREASE THE FLOOR SPACE OF THAT BUILDING, INCLUDING THE COST OF FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE SAME, AS WELL AS ARCHITECTURAL/ ENGINEERING, SITE PREPARATION AND OTHER EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO INCLUDING CREATION OF ROADS AND DRIVEWAYS AND ENGINEERING OR OTHER COSTS RELATED THERETO; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $5,000,000 UNDER G.L. C. 44 SEC. 7; THAT DIRECTORS OF THE AMES FREE LIBRARY (EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACT FOR AND EXPEND ANY FEDERAL OR STATE AID AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT, PROVIDED THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE AUTHORIZED BORROWING SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF SUCH AID RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES UNDER THIS VOTE; AND THAT THE DIRECTORS OF THE AMES FREE LIBRARY ARE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. ***ARTICLE PASSED - 280 YES; 65 NO.***

The following counters were duly sworn by Town Clerk Janet Andrus Linehan: Michael Boyle, Bruce Baker,Kate Beaudoin, Clifford Skip Davis, Mario Ferretti, Lennart Altieri, Caroline O'Neill; Claudette Dailey.

(An amendment to add the words "provided, however that this vote shall not take effect until the Board of Selectmen determines that the town has received firm commitments for federal and/or state grants equal to at least 35 percent of the costs of the project, and provided further that final plans shall be subject to approval by majority vote of town meeting and provided further that a building committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to oversee final design and construction" was made. An amendment to the amendment to excise the words "and provided further that final plans shall be subject to approval by majority vote of town meeting and provided further that a building committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to oversee final design and construction" was voted. The amendment to include the words "provided, however that this vote shall not take effect until the board of selectmen determines that the town has received firm commitments for federal and/or state grants equal to at least 35 percent of the costs of the project" was not a vote. The main motion (with no amendments) was then passed.) It was then moved and seconded to reconsider article 7. This motion did not carry.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Board of Health to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1997, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from holders of any food permits to be known as "The Food Education Account" and funds from said account may be paid out to any person approved by the Easton Board of Health, under M.G.L. c. 40, section 4, with said fees and receipts to be expended for educational seminars for food handlers and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and which said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended only for the purpose of paying for educational seminars for food handlers, and for administrative costs related thereto;

2. Only fees received from properly permitted food establishments shall be deposited in said account;

3. The Board of Health shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and

4. The amounts expended from the Fiscal 1997, "Food Education Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Board of Health, from food establishments during said Fiscal 1997.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Health) ***VOTED AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT.***

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Board of Health to establish a revolving fund for Fiscal 1997, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from Plumbing Permits to be known as "Plumbing Inspector Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to the Plumbing Inspector of the Town of Easton, with said fees to be expended for the salary and expenses of the Plumbing Inspector, and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and which said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended only for the purpose of paying the salary and expenses of the Plumbing Inspector who is appointed by the Board of Health, and for administrative costs related thereto;

2. Only fees received from Plumbing Permits shall be deposited in said account;

3. The Board of Health shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and

4. The amounts expended from the Fiscal 1997, "Plumbing Inspector Account", shall not exceed the total receipts from fees received by the Board of Health, from Plumbing Permits during said Fiscal 1997.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Health) ***UNANIMOUS VOTE AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT.***

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend a sum of money from the Special Revenue Fund known as the "F.B. Wetlands Protection Fund (16-3260)", those sums collected pursuant to Chapter 287, Section 54, of the Acts of 1989, which provides that the Town's share of the Notice of Intent Filing Fees under the Wetlands Protection Act shall be expended solely for the performance of its duties associated with administering the Act, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $5,400. AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 287 SECTION 54 OF THE ACTS OF 1989 FROM THE "RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION FOR WETLANDS PROTECTION FUND" FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THE WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1997, known as the "Filing Fee and Professional Service Conservation Account", which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and determinations, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Commission for engineering, legal and other such consultant

services deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such applications, or in enforcement cases where such applications should have been legally filed, or for other such enforcement actions, and for the administrative costs related thereto, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for engineering and other such consultant services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such conservation applications, or on necessary enforcement actions;

2. Only fees and receipts received from applicants for Conservation Permits, or Application for "Requests for Determination", shall be deposited in such account;

3. The Conservation Commission shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and

4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1997, "Filing Fee and Professional Service Conservation Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Conservation Commission, from Applicants for Conservation Permits, or Applicants for "Requests for Determination", during said Fiscal 1997 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission) ***UNANIMOUS VOTE AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT.***

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning & Zoning Board, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1997, known as "Subdivision Inspection Fees", which shall be accounted for separate from all other monies of the Town, and to which are to be deposited fees received from applicants for subdivision approval for inspections during construction, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Board for expert engineering and consultant services and administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board with said fees to be expended without appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for the services of expert engineers and consultants, and related administrative costs, deemed necessary by the Board to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of inspections during construction;

2. Only fees received from applicants for inspections during construction shall be deposited in such account;

3. The Planning & Zoning board shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and

4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1997 "Subdivision inspection Fees" shall not exceed the total fees received by the Planning & Zoning Board from applicants for subdivision inspections during said Fiscal 1997 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board) ***UNANIMOUS VOTE AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT.***

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement existing budgets for the fiscal year 1996 budget, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $14,225 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING THE FY'96 DPW BUDGET. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to reconsider portions of the FY'96 operating budget by decreasing certain accounts and transferring those amounts to the School Budget as shown:

BUDGET	FY'96 BUDGET	PROPOSED FY'96 BUDGET	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
Group Insurance	$ 1,880,940	$1,868,558	($12,382)
Workmen's Comp Insurance	225,551	215,551	(10,000)
Retirement Fund - County	931,604	917,023	(14,581)
			($36,963)

and further, to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $35,322, for the purpose of supplementing the FY'96 School Budget, so that the final FY'96 School Budget will be $14,697,327, an increase of $72,285 over the School Budget voted at the Annual Town Meeting on April 10, 1995, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen/School Committee)

VOTED TO RECONSIDER THE FY'96 OPERATING BUDGET BY DECREASING THE GROUP INSURANCE BUDGET BY $12,382 THE WORKMEN'S COMP INSURANCE BUDGET BY $10,000 AND THE RETIREMENT FUND-COUNTY BUDGET BY $14,581 AND APPROPRIATING BY TRANSFER TO THE FY'96 SCHOOL BUDGET THE SUM OF $36,963 AND FURTHER TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $35,322 ALSO TO THE FY'96 SCHOOL BUDGET, SO THAT THE FINAL FY'96 SCHOOL BUDGET SHALL TOTAL $14,697,327 N INCREASE OF $72,285 OVER THE SCHOOL BUDGET VOTED AT THE APRIL 10, 1995 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer such sums as may be necessary to pay bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the appropriation by transfer of $30,000 from the Pension Reserve Account made at the April 1995 Annual Town Meeting, thereby authorizing these funds to remain in the Pension Reserve Account, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO RESCIND THE APPROPRIATION BY TRANSFER OF $30,000 FROM THE PENSION RESERVE ACCOUNT MADE AT THE APRIL 1995 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, THEREBY AUTHORIZING THESE FUNDS TO REMAIN IN THE PENSION RESERVE ACCOUNT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Pension Reserve Fund pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 5D or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund previously established under Chapter 40 Section 5 of the Mass. General laws for use by the Conservation Commission in accordance with said General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $850,000 TO BE PLACED IN THE CONSERVATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CH. 40, SEC. 8C, FOR USE BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID GENERAL LAWS. ***MAJORITY VOTE.*** *(An amendment that expenditures of the principal be subject to town meeting approval was not allowed by statute.)*

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Unemployment Compensation Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for expenses related to the revaluation of property including consulting services, data processing services, related supplies and materials or any other expenses related to the revaluation of property as may be determined by the Board of Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Assessors)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF $85,000 TO PAY EXPENSES RELATED TO THE REVALUATION OF PROPERTY INCLUDING CONSULTING SERVICES, DATA PROCESSING SERVICES, RELATED SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS OR ANY OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO THE REVALUATION OF PROPERTY AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS. ***MAJORITY VOTE.***

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, or authorize the reappropriation of funds voted for the purpose of extending certain water mains under Article 18 of the September 15, 1986 Special Town Meeting, a sum of money to pay for the updating of the 1988 Water System Master Plan or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $25,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE 1988 WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN. ***MAJORITY VOTE.***

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the replacement or restoration of headstones in Town-owned cemeteries or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Cemetery Commission) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of making repairs to the Wheaton Farm barn and driveway areas and to authorize the Conservation Commission to enter into any and all contracts necessary to effect said repairs or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $10,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING REPAIRS TO THE WHEATON FARM BARN AND DRIVEWAY AREAS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT SAID REPAIRS. ***VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for youth recreation programs including salaries and expenses necessary for the conduct of such programs and to authorize the Recreation Commission to enter into any and all contracts necessary to effect the purposes of this article, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Recreation Commission)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $6,000 TO PAY FOR YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS INCLUDING SALARIES AND EXPENSES NECESSARY FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH PROGRAMS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RECREATION COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE. ***VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.***

AT 10:55 P.M. THE QUORUM WAS QUESTIONED. IT BEING DETERMINED THAT A QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT, IT WAS MOVED AND VOTED TO ADJOURN TO TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. TOTAL VOTERS PRESENT -473.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 9, 1996

Be it known that the Annual Town Meeting held Monday, April 8, 1996 was duly adjourned to:

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1996 at SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium, to see what action the Town will take in respect to:

ARTICLES 26 to 48, inclusive

and any and all matters that may legally come before the meeting.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 9, 1996

AT 7:47 P.M. AS ONLY 179 VOTERS WERE PRESENT, SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN WILLIAM D HARDIN MOVED AND IT WAS VOTED TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1996 IN THE OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AT 7:00 P.M..

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 1996

Be it known that the Annual Town Meeting held Monday, April 8, 1996 was duly adjourned to:

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1996 at SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium, to see what action the Town will take in respect to:

and any and all matters that may legally come before the meeting.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 30, 1996

THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MODERATOR RICHARD C. DAILEY AT 7:22 P.M. WITH QUORUM REGISTERED. THE FOLLOWING WERE VOTED ADMITTANCE INTO THE HALL: SARAH GALLAHUE AND ANDREW MILLER SCHOOL PRINCIPALS; JENNIFER LANCIONE, EASTON JOURNAL; LYNNE FIORE AND CHRISTINE LYNCH, POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS AT BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE.

THE FOLLOWING ANNOUCEMENT WAS MADE: OA'S ACADEMIC BOWL TEAM TODAY DEFEATED SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE SOUTH SHORE ACADEMIC LEAGUE'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP. THIS IS THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR THAT THE OA TEAM HAS BEEN NUMBER ONE. SENIORS ON THE TEAM: MICHAEL KLEIN, MICHAEL SHERBACK, JOHN CROCKETT, PAO HER. JUNIORS: MICHAEL YOON AND SAMANTHA KATZEN ALSO PLAYED TODAY.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JOHN J KENT AND DECLARING MAY 1ST JOHN KENT DAY WAS READ BY SELECTMAN WILLIAM D HARDIN.

A PROCLAMATION WAS READ BY NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN JEFFRY TUFTS HONORING WILLIAM D HARDIN.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or authorize borrowing pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 the following sums of money for the departments and purposes noted:

DEPARTMENT/PURPOSE	Amount
DPW - HIGHWAY	
Sidewalk Repair/Construction	233,200
Landfill Closure Engineering	30,000
Sub-total:	263,200
DPW - CENTRAL MAINTENANCE	
Fire/Police Station Roofs	60,000
OAHS Roof Flashing	12,000
OAHS/EJHS Gas Cocks	10,000
OAHS/EJHS Door	49,000
Center School Windows/Frames	28,000
Moreau Hall Exterior Repairs	12,000
OAHS AC Cooling Tower	14,000
EJHS Generator	25,000
Fire Station Overhead Doors	16,250
Utility Truck w/Plow	28,000
Fire Station Ventilation System	28,200
Building Landscaping	30,000

DPW Building Study		25,000	
	Sub-total		337,450
DPW-TREE			
F800 Cab and Chassis		38,000	
	Sub-total		38,000
POLICE DEPARTMENT			
Cruisers		135,000	
Hand Held Radios		72,000	
	Sub-total	207,000	
DATA PROCESSING			
Wide Area Network		60,500	
	Sub-total		60,500
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Dispatching computers		33,000	
Ambulance		30,000	
	Sub-total		63,000
	TOTAL:	950,150	

(Submitted by Capital Budget Comm./Town Adm.)

AMENDED. VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $884,150 FOR THE DEPARTMENTS AND PURPOSES SHOWN BELOW, AND TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION $30,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM WATER REVENUE, $20,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS, $534,150 SHALL BE RAISED BY TAXATION AND $300,000 SHALL BE RAISED BY BORROWING PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CH. 44: ***VOTED MAIN MOTION - 10 OPPOSED, WELL BEYOND 20 IN FAVOR.***

(An amendment to appropriate $28,000 to purchse an air compressor for the Fire Department was not accepted by the Moderator. An amendment to take money out of free cash was not allowed. An amendment to appropriate the sum of $506,150 from taxation was not a vote.)

DEPARTMENT/PURPOSE		Amount	
DPW - HIGHWAY			
Sidewalk Repair/Construction		233,200	
Landfill Closure Engineering		30,000	
	Sub-total:		263,200
DPW - CENTRAL MAINTENANCE			
Fire/Police Station Roofs		60,000	
OAHS Roof Flashing		12,000	
OAHS/EJHS Gas Cocks		10,000	
OAHS/EJHS Door		49,000	
Center School Windows/Frames		28,000	
Moreau Hall Exterior Repairs		12,000	
OAHS AC Cooling Tower		14,000	

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Utility Truck w/Plow		28,000	
Fire Station Ventilation System		28,200	
	Sub-total		282,450
DPW-TREE			
F800 Cab and Chassis		38,000	
	Sub-total		38,000
POLICE DEPARTMENT			
Cruisers		135,000	
Hand Held Radios		72,000	
	Sub-total		207,000
DATA PROCESSING			
Wide Area Network		60,500	
	Sub-total		60,500
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Dispatching computers		33,000	
	Sub-total		33,000
	TOTAL:		884,150

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the balance of appropriations made by issuance of debt under Article 15, of the April 11 1994 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of school building repairs in the amount of $142,885.79 and under Article 15 of the April 10, 1995 Annual town Meeting for the purpose of school repairs in the amount of $118,324.33, for the new purpose of making building repairs to the Easton Junior High School and to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of $127,689.88 also for the purpose of making building repairs to the Easton Junior High School or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

VOTED TO REAUTHORIZE THE BALANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY ISSUANCE OF DEBT UNDER ARTICLE 12, OF THE APRIL 15, 1993 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCHOOL BUILDING REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF $142,885.79 AND UNDER ARTICLE 15 OF THE APRIL 13, 1994 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCHOOL REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF $118,324.33, FOR THE NEW PURPOSE OF MAKING BUILDING REPAIRS TO THE EASTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $127,689.88 ALSO FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING BUILDING REPAIRS TO THE EASTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL. Ch.44, a sum of money to pay for a new water main and appurtenances on Elm Street, as well as engineering and other studies related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

VOTED THAT $450,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING AND LAYING AND RELAYING WATER MAINS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON ELM STREET,

INCLUDING ENGINEERING AND OTHER COSTS RELATED THERETO; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $450,000 UNDER G.L. C. 44 SEC. 8; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by transfer from available funds, or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL. Ch. 44 a sum of money to pay for a new backhoe for the Water Division and to authorize the trade-in of one backhoe, and for the purchase of a new F150 pick-up truck and to authorize the trade-in of one pick-up truck, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $72,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR A NEW BACKHOE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRADE-IN OF ONE BACKHOE, AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW F150 PICK-UP TRUCK AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRADE-IN OF ONE TRUCK. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL. Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of making repairs to playgrounds as well as replacement and purchase of playground equipment, or take any other action related thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay for certain building renovations and repair of Oakes Ames Memorial hall, and to determine whether the money shall be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds in the Treasury, or by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept, any Federal or State Grants, if available, to fund all or a part of such project, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF $150,000 TO PAY FOR REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to acquire by purchase, for conservation purposes described in Chapter 40, Section 8C, Massachusetts General Laws, a certain parcel of land purported to be owned by T&M Realty Corporation known as Lot 26 shown on a certain plan entitled "The Farm at Flyaway Pond", A Definitive Subdivision of Land in Easton, MASS; Dated: Jan. 20, 1995; Revised through 05-01-95; Prepared by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., 140 School Street, Brockton, MA. Said Lot 26 containing 87,131 square feet. Said plan being recorded in the Bristol Northern County Registry of Deeds on July 10, 1995 in Plan Book 347, Pages 48-52; to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money for such purchase.

Said land to be conveyed to said Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts Statutes relating to Conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Easton, and the Easton Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132 A, Section 11) and to enter into any contracts therefor, or apply for funds under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (P.L. 88-578) and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Town and the Conservation Commission be

authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

(Moderator Dailey disqualified himself from ruling on Articles 32 and 33 because his client is party to these articles. He called upon the new third Deputy Moderator Carla Goodwin, the first woman to serve in the capacity of Moderator for the town to fill in for him.)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY BORROWING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CH. 44 THE SUM OF $175,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C, MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY T&M REALTY CORPORATION KNOWN AS LOT 26 SHOWN ON A CERTAIN PLAN ENTITLED "THE FARM AT FLYAWAY POND", A DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION OF LAND IN EASTON, MASS; DATED: JAN. 20, 1995; REVISED THROUGH 05-01-95; PREPARED BY HAYWARD-BOYNTON & WILLIAMS, INC., 140 SCHOOL STREET, BROCKTON, MA. SAID LOT 26 CONTAINING 87,131 SQUARE FEET. SAID PLAN BEING RECORDED IN THE BRISTOL NORTHERN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS ON JULY 10, 1995 IN PLAN BOOK 347, PAGES 48-52

SAID LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO SAID TOWN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C, AND AS IT MAY HEREAFTER BE AMENDED AND OTHER MASSACHUSETTS STATUTES RELATING TO CONSERVATION, TO BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, AND THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO FILE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR GRANTS AND/OR REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE SELF-HELP ACT (CHAPTER 132 A, SECTION 11) AND TO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACTS THEREFOR, OR APPLY FOR FUNDS UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM (P.L. 88-578) AND/OR ANY OTHERS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE SCOPE OF THIS ARTICLE, AND THE TOWN AND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO ALL AGREEMENTS AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL INSTRUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN TO EFFECT SAID PURCHASE. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE****.*

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to acquire by purchase, for conservation purposes described in Chapter 40, Section 8C, Massachusetts General Laws, a certain parcel of land purported to be owned by the Subon Co. identified on the Assessor's Map as R15-1, containing 35.90 acres, more or less, located at 491 Bay Road, recorded in the Bristol Northern County Registry of Deeds, Book 3536, Page 201; to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money for such purchase.

Said land to be conveyed to said Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts Statutes relating to Conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Easton, and the Easton Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132 A, Section 11) and to enter into any contracts therefor, or apply for funds under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (P.L. 88-578) and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Town and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $245,000 OF WHICH $122,500 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM WATER SURPLUS AND $122,500 WILL BE RAISED BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CH. 44 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C, MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY THE SUBON CO. IDENTIFIED ON THE ASSESSOR'S MAP AS R15-1, CONTAINING 35.90 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT 491 BAY ROAD, RECORDED IN THE BRISTOL NORTHERN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 3536, PAGE 201.

SAID LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO SAID TOWN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C, AND AS IT MAY HEREAFTER BE AMENDED AND OTHER MASSACHUSETTS STATUTES RELATING TO CONSERVATION, TO BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, AND THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO FILE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR GRANTS AND/OR REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE SELF-HELP ACT (CHAPTER 132 A, SECTION 11) AND TO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACTS THEREFOR, OR APPLY FOR FUNDS UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM (P.L. 88-578) AND/OR ANY OTHERS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE SCOPE OF THIS ARTICLE, AND THE TOWN AND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO ALL AGREEMENTS AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL INSTRUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN TO EFFECT SAID PURCHASE. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to acquire by purchase, for conservation purposes described in Chapter 40, Section 8C, Massachusetts General Laws, certain parcels of land purported to be owned by Gerald J. Kelleher identified on the Assessor's Maps as R1-15 containing 19.70 acres, more or less; R1-18 containing 19.00 acres, more or less; R1-19 containing 15.00 acres, more or less, located off Bay Road, with all three parcels recorded in the Bristol Northern County Registry of Deeds, Book 1482, Page 222; to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money for such purchase.

Said land to be conveyed to said Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts Statutes relating to Conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Easton, and the Easton Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132 A, Section 11) and to enter into any contracts therefor, or apply for funds under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (P.L. 88-578) and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Town and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY BORROWING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CH. 44 THE SUM OF $100,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE, FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C, MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY GERALD J. KELLEHER IDENTIFIED ON THE ASSESSOR'S MAPS AS R1-15 CONTAINING 19.70 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; R1-18 CONTAINING 19.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; R1-19 CONTAINING 15.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED OFF BAY ROAD, WITH ALL THREE PARCELS RECORDED IN THE BRISTOL NORTHERN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 1482, PAGE 222.

SAID LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO SAID TOWN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C, AND AS IT MAY HEREAFTER BE AMENDED AND OTHER MASSACHUSETTS STATUTES RELATING TO CONSERVATION, TO BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, AND THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO FILE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR GRANTS AND/OR REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE SELF-HELP ACT (CHAPTER 132 A, SECTION 11) AND TO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACTS THEREFOR, OR APPLY FOR FUNDS UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM (P.L. 88-578) AND/OR ANY OTHERS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE SCOPE OF THIS ARTICLE, AND THE TOWN AND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO ALL AGREEMENTS AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL INSTRUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN TO EFFECT SAID PURCHASE. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept the nonbinding reports of the Planning & Zoning Board concerning its recommendations in regard to the proposed amendments of the Zoning By Law and Zoning Map to be voted on under Articles 36, 37, 38, or take any other action relative thereto. (Vote hereunder is acceptance of the written report, but not of recommendations contained therein). (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board) ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated August 12, 1993 (Original date March 7, 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning of certain parcels of land now owned by the Town of Easton under the control of the Conservation Commission, and described as follows, to Municipal & Open Space:

1. Parcel U10-7, Flyaway Pond, consisting of 2.5 acres.
2. Parcel R19-12, Wheaton Farm, consisting of 15.5 acres.
3. Parcel R19-37A, Wheaton Farm, consisting of 15.0 acres.
4. Parcel R15-4C, Bay Road, consisting of 1.1 acres.
5. Parcel U10-4, Flyaway Pond, consisting of 1.5 acres.
6. Parcel R12-4D, Prospect Street, consisting of 1.51 acres.
7. Parcel R10-172, Old Pond, consisting of 1.8 acres.
8. Parcel R14-165, Wheaton Farm, consisting of 2.82 acres.
9. R15-12, Hockomock WMA, consisting of 1.4 acres.
10. R18-22, Wheaton Farm, consisting of 5.7 acres.
11. R18-127, Wheaton Farm, consisting of 3.5 acres.
12. R5-1, Borderland/Peterson Lot, consisting of 3.7 acres.
13. R5-306, Parcel 3, Rockland Street, consisting of 16.88 acres.
14. R10-2A, Off Eastman Street, consisting of 6.1 acres.
15. R10-191, Eastman Street, consisting of 8.35 acres.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board) **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated August 12, 1993 (Original date March 7, 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning of a certain parcel of land owned by the Town of Easton under the control of the Water Division, and described as follows: 25.701 acres, shown on Assessors Map U4-93, located off Elm Street and adjacent to the MBTA railroad track, from Residential to Municipal & Open Space,

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board) ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed amendment of the "Zoning by Law of the Town of Easton" as follows:

In SECTION II, DEFINITIONS, under the definition of "DRIVEWAY', delete the last two sentences. The definition of driveway will read as follows:

"DRIVEWAY: An open space, located on a lot, built for access to a garage, off-street parking or loading space. A driveway may not be more than 24 feet in width in Residential, Residential I, and Business Neighborhood Zones, and not more than 36 feet in width in Business Industrial, Eleemosynary, and Municipal Zones. Each driveway shall service no more than one lot."

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Appeals) ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to amend the "Water Department Rules and Regulations" by deleting in its entirety the following sections, 5-18, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 7-2 and substituting therefor the following revised sections:

SECTION V
Service, Pipes and Fixtures

5.18 Cross Connection Control

If, in the opinion of the Superintendent, the installation of an approved backflow preventer(s) on the property side of a meter is considered necessary for the safety of the water system, such approved device(s) shall be immediately installed at the expense of the Consumer after due notice in writing has been giving to the Consumer by the Superintendent. Said device(s) shall be installed and tested in accordance with the Drinking Water Regulations of Massachusetts, 310 CMR 22.22. All test performed by the Division shall be charge as set forth in Section 8.6.

SECTION VI
Requirements & Specifications for Laying Water Mains

6.1 Pipe and Fittings

All pipe shall conform in design and manufactured to the latest issue of AWWA Standard C151 "DUCTILE-IRON PIPE, CENTRIFUGALLY CAST, FOR WATER OR OTHER LIQUIDS". Pipe shall have a pressure class of 350.

All fittings shall be ductile iron and conform in design and manufactured to the latest issue of AWWA Standard C110 "DUCTILE IRON AND GRAY-IRON FITTINGS, 3 IN. THROUGH 48 IN. FOR WATER AND OTHER LIQUIDS".

All pipe and fittings shall have a cement-mortar lining inside and a bituminous seal coat applied both inside and outside to conform with AWWA C104, "CEMENT-MORTAR LINING FOR DUCTILE-IRON PIPE AND FITTINGS FOR WATER".

Push on and mechanical joints are permitted and shall conform in design and manufactured to the latest issue of AWWA Standard C111 "RUBBER-GASKET JOINT FOR DUCTILE- IRON PRESSURE PIPE AND FITTINGS".

6.2 Valves

All valves shall conform in design and manufactured to the latest issue of AWWA Standard C509 "RESILIENT-SEATED GATE VALVES FOR WATER SUPPLY".

All valves shall have a 2-inch operating nut, mechanical joint hubs (except for wet taps), and open in a counter clockwise direction. If shallow depth of bury or other conditions of service require that the valve be installed in a horizontal position,
a nut operated bevel gear shall be fitted to the valve for service operation through a valve box.

6.3 Hydrants

Hydrants shall conform in design and manufacture to the latest issue of AWWA Standard C502 "DRY BARREL FIRE HYDRANTS ". Acceptable hydrants are the U.S.Pipe Metropolitan 250 Model 94, the Darling B62B and the A423 Mueller 200 Super Centurion.

Hydrants shall be manufactured to highest quality and design.

Hydrants shall be compression type, i.e., the main valve shall open against and close with water pressure. Hydrants shall be of the dry top design with "O" ring seals to ensure that the operating threads will be protected from water entry. Dry top design is to include a factory lubricated operating mechanism that allows supplemental lubricant to be added in the field without the removal of the top section. The downward travel of the main rod and valve assembly to the full open position shall be controlled by a travel stop device located in the upper stem section of the rod or have a positive stop in the base of the hydrant shoe. The drain mechanism shall be an integral part of the valve assembly. All internal parts shall be removable through the top of the hydrant when the bonnet has been removed.

Hydrants shall comply with the following:

A. Main valve Opening - 5.25 inches,
B. Outlets - 2 - 2.25 inch hose connections, 1 - 4.50 inch steamer connection,
C. Operating Nut Size - pentagon 1.50 inch point to flat,
D. Thread Type - National Standard,
E. Shoe - 6 inch mechanical joint (range 6.90 - 7.10 O.D.),
F. Direction of opening - Counterclockwise,
G. Bury Length - 5.5 feet,
H. Height (bury line to operating nut) - 28.75 inches minimum,
I. Sub-seat material - Bronze,
J. Model - Traffic (breakaway Design),
K. Color - Orange body, black bonnet and caps.

All hydrants shall have a permanently mounted marking device approved by the Division.

SECTION VII

Violations

7.2 Cross Connections

Any Consumer found to be in noncompliance with the Drinking Water Regulations of Massachusetts, 310 CMR 22.22 shall be punished by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Protection by a fine of not more than $25,000 dollars for each day that violation occurs or continues.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen

AMENDED. VOTED TO AMEND THE WATER DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS" BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS, 5-18, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 7-2 AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR THE FOLLOWING REVISED SECTIONS:

SECTION V

SERVICE, PIPES AND FIXTURES

5.18 CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL

IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, THE INSTALLATION OF AN APPROVED BACKFLOW PREVENTER(S) ON THE PROPERTY SIDE OF A METER IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR THE SAFETY OF THE WATER SYSTEM, SUCH APPROVED DEVICE(S) SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY INSTALLED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CONSUMER AFTER DUE NOTICE IN WRITING HAS BEEN GIVING TO THE CONSUMER BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. SAID DEVICE(S) SHALL BE INSTALLED AND TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS, 310 CMR 22.22. ALL TEST PERFORMED BY THE DIVISION SHALL BE CHARGE AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 8.6.

SECTION VI

REQUIREMENTS & SPECIFICATIONS FOR LAYING WATER MAINS

6.1 PIPE AND FITTINGS

ALL PIPE SHALL CONFORM IN DESIGN AND MANUFACTURED TO THE LATEST ISSUE OF AWWA STANDARD C151 "DUCTILE-IRON PIPE, CENTRIFUGALLY CAST, FOR WATER OR OTHER LIQUIDS". PIPE SHALL HAVE A PRESSURE CLASS OF 350.

ALL FITTINGS SHALL BE DUCTILE IRON AND CONFORM IN DESIGN AND MANUFACTURED TO THE LATEST ISSUE OF AWWA STANDARD C110 "DUCTILE IRON AND GRAY-IRON FITTINGS, 3 IN. THROUGH 48 IN. FOR WATER AND OTHER LIQUIDS".

ALL PIPE AND FITTINGS SHALL HAVE A CEMENT-MORTAR LINING INSIDE AND A BITUMINOUS SEAL COAT APPLIED BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE TO CONFORM WITH AWWA C104, "CEMENT-MORTAR LINING FOR DUCTILE-IRON PIPE AND FITTINGS FOR WATER".

PUSH ON AND MECHANICAL JOINTS ARE PERMITTED AND SHALL CONFORM IN DESIGN AND MANUFACTURED TO THE LATEST ISSUE OF AWWA STANDARD C111 "RUBBER-GASKET JOINT FOR DUCTILE- IRON PRESSURE PIPE AND FITTINGS".

6.2 VALVES

ALL VALVES SHALL CONFORM IN DESIGN AND MANUFACTURED TO THE LATEST ISSUE OF AWWA STANDARD C509 "RESILIENT-SEATED GATE VALVES FOR WATER SUPPLY".

ALL VALVES SHALL HAVE A 2-INCH OPERATING NUT, MECHANICAL JOINT HUBS (EXCEPT FOR WET TAPS), AND OPEN IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE DIRECTION. IF SHALLOW DEPTH OF BURY OR OTHER CONDITIONS OF SERVICE REQUIRE THAT THE VALVE BE INSTALLED IN A HORIZONTAL POSITION,

A NUT OPERATED BEVEL GEAR SHALL BE FITTED TO THE VALVE FOR SERVICE OPERATION THROUGH A VALVE BOX.

6.3 HYDRANTS

HYDRANTS SHALL CONFORM IN DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE TO THE LATEST ISSUE OF AWWA STANDARD C502 "DRY BARREL FIRE HYDRANTS ". ACCEPTABLE HYDRANTS ARE THE U.S.PIPE METROPOLITAN 250 MODEL 94, THE DARLING B62B AND THE A423 MUELLER 200 SUPER CENTURION.

HYDRANTS SHALL BE MANUFACTURED TO HIGHEST QUALITY AND DESIGN.

HYDRANTS SHALL BE COMPRESSION TYPE, I.E., THE MAIN VALVE SHALL OPEN AGAINST AND CLOSE WITH WATER PRESSURE. HYDRANTS SHALL BE OF THE DRY TOP DESIGN WITH "O" RING SEALS TO ENSURE THAT THE OPERATING THREADS WILL BE PROTECTED FROM WATER ENTRY. DRY TOP DESIGN IS TO INCLUDE A FACTORY LUBRICATED OPERATING MECHANISM THAT ALLOWS SUPPLEMENTAL LUBRICANT TO BE ADDED IN THE FIELD WITHOUT THE REMOVAL OF THE TOP SECTION. THE DOWNWARD TRAVEL OF THE MAIN ROD AND VALVE ASSEMBLY TO THE FULL OPEN POSITION SHALL BE CONTROLLED BY A TRAVEL STOP DEVICE LOCATED IN THE UPPER STEM SECTION OF THE ROD OR HAVE A POSITIVE STOP IN THE BASE OF THE HYDRANT SHOE. THE DRAIN MECHANISM SHALL BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE VALVE ASSEMBLY. ALL INTERNAL PARTS SHALL BE REMOVABLE THROUGH THE TOP OF THE HYDRANT WHEN THE BONNET HAS BEEN REMOVED.

HYDRANTS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- *A. MAIN VALVE OPENING - 5.25 INCHES,*
- *B. OUTLETS - 2 - 2.50 INCH HOSE CONNECTIONS, 1 - 4.50 INCH STEAMER CONNECTION,*
- *C. OPERATING NUT SIZE - PENTAGON 1.50 INCH POINT TO FLAT,*
- *D. THREAD TYPE - NATIONAL STANDARD,*
- *E. SHOE - 6 INCH MECHANICAL JOINT (RANGE 6.90 - 7.10 O.D.),*
- *F. DIRECTION OF OPENING - COUNTERCLOCKWISE,*
- *G. BURY LENGTH - 5.5 FEET,*
- *H. HEIGHT (BURY LINE TO OPERATING NUT) - 28.75 INCHES MINIMUM,*
- *I. SUB-SEAT MATERIAL - BRONZE,*
- *J. MODEL - TRAFFIC (BREAKAWAY DESIGN),*

K. COLOR - ORANGE BODY, BLACK BONNET AND CAPS.
ALL HYDRANTS SHALL HAVE A PERMANENTLY MOUNTED MARKING DEVICE APPROVED BY THE DIVISION.

SECTION VII
VIOLATIONS

7.2 CROSS CONNECTIONS
ANY CONSUMER FOUND TO BE IN NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS, 310 CMR 22.22 SHALL BE PUNISHED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN $25,000 DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY THAT VIOLATION OCCURS OR CONTINUES. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED.***

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following "Recycling By-Law":

Mandatory Recycling

A. Definitions. The following definitions shall apply in this section:

1. **Commercial establishment** - Any non-residential building, including, but not limited to, those used for retail, wholesale, industrial, manufacturing, dining, offices, professional services, automobile service, hotels and motels, restaurants, or shipping and receiving areas.

2. **Non-profit organization** - An established organization or foundation dedicated to public service or culture, including, but not limited to, religious, educational, and health care functions.

3. **Occupier of land** - Any owner, lessee, occupier, user or tenant of any residential dwelling, commercial establishment, Town-owned building or public properties, or any nonprofit organization or recreational land user in Easton.

4. **Residential dwelling** - Any residential building, including single-family homes, apartment buildings, buildings containing cooperatives and condominiums, group houses, rooming houses or boarding houses.

5. **Recreational land user** - Any person who uses public land or other facilities in Easton for picnics, sports, political or private events, or other gatherings.

6. **Recyclable materials** - The following materials and such other materials as the Department of Public Works may designate in the future:

FOR CURBSIDE PICK-UP OR DELIVERY TO RECYCLING CENTER:

a. **Clean Newspapers** - Newspapers which are uncontaminated by any chemical/waste product.
b. **Corrugated brown cardboard and brown grocery bags**.
c. **Glass** - all unbroken bottles and jars. No broken glass, window glass, dishes or crockery.
d. **Metal cans** - "Tin" (steel) cans only. No pressurized aerosol cans. No cans which contained petroleum products.
e. **Plastics** - All plastics containers/products designated by the Department of Public Works. No container which contained petroleum products.

FOR DELIVERY TO RECYCLING CENTER ONLY:

f. **Ferrous metal and metal white goods** (i.e. household appliances, pipes, metal doors, other metal doors, other large metal items).
g. **Tires, waste oil, automotive batteries, oil based paint.**
h. **Yard waste** - Leaves, grass clippings and shrub prunings. No tree branches, limbs or sticks.

B. **Mandatory Separation of Recyclable Materials.**

Effective September 1, 1996 it shall be mandatory for each occupier of land in Easton to separate all designated recyclable materials from other refuse before setting refuse out for collection or taking refuse to the Landfill.

C. **Set Out Requirements For Recyclable Materials**

1. Each occupier of land in Easton must, before taking refuse to the Landfill, separate recyclable materials from the refuse and deliver those recyclable materials to the Recycling Center for collection in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Public Works. Any refuse brought to the Landfill is subject to inspection to verify contents.

2. Each occupier of land in Easton must, before furnishing refuse to waste collection services, separate and set out recyclable materials for collection at curbside in accordance with the procedures of occupier's waste hauler or as otherwise designated by the Department of Public Works in the future.

D. **Salvaging Not Allowed**

It shall be unlawful for any person to disturb, remove or collect any recyclable materials from the curbside in Easton unless a permit is obtained from the local Board of Health.

E. **Penalties**

Anyone who fails to separate and set out recyclable materials, salvages recyclable materials without authorization or otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of this by-law shall be subject to the NONCRIMINAL DISPOSITION of CERTAIN VIOLATIONS of the By-Law, as set forth in Article 41 of the GENERAL BY-LAWS of the Town, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than $100. for the first violation, $200. for a second violation, and not exceeding $300. for any subsequent violations.

F. **Enforcement Action**

For the purpose of this By-Law the "Enforcing Person" shall mean any member of the Board of Health, the Director of Public Health, or any Police Officer of the Town..

G. **Severability**

If any section of this By-Law is found to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of said by-law shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect. (Submitted by Recycling Committee)

AMENDED. VOTED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RECYLING LAW (ARTICLE 40):

MANDATORY RECYCLING

***A. Definitions**. The following definitions shall apply in this section:*

1. *Commercial establishment - Any non-residential building, including, but not limited to, those used for retail, wholesale, industrial, manufacturing, dining, offices, professional services, automobile service, hotels and motels, restaurants, or shipping and receiving areas.*
2. *Non-profit organizations - An established organization or foundation dedicated to public service or culture, including, but not limited to, religious, educational, and health care functions.*
3. *Occupier of land - Any owner, leasee, occupier, user or tenant of any residential dwelling, Town-owned building or public properties, or any nonprofit organization.*
4. *Residential dwelling - Any residential building, including single-family homes, apartment buildings, buildings containing cooperatives and condominiums, group houses, rooming houses or boarding houses.*
5. *Recreational land user - Any person who uses public land or other facilities in Easton for picnics, sports, political or private events, or other gatherings.*

6. *Recyclable materials - The following materials and such other materials as the Department of Public Works, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, or the Easton Board of Health may designate in the future.*

FOR DELIVERY TO THE EASTON RECYCLING CENTER:

***a. Clean Newspapers** - Newspapers which are uncontaminated by any chemical/waste product.*
b. Corrugated brown cardboard and brown grocery bags.
***c. Glass** - all unbroken bottles and jars. No broken glass, window glass, dishes or crockery.*
***d. Metal cans** - tin steel, aluminum. No pressurized aerosol cans. No cans which contained petroleum products.*
***e. Plastics** - All plastics containers/products designated by the Department of Public Works. No container which contained petroleum products.*
***f. Ferrous metal and metal white goods** (i.e. household appliances, pipes, metal doors, other metal doors, other large metal items).*
g. Tires, waste oil, automotive batteries, oil based paint.
***h. Yard waste** - Leaves, grass clippings and shrum prunings. No tree branches, limbs or sticks.*

B. Requirements for Recyclable Materials
Each occupier of land in Easton must, before taking refuse to the Lanfill, separate recylable materials from the refuse and deliver those recyclable materials to the Recycling Center for collection in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Public Works and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Any refuse brought to the Landfill is subject to inspection to verify contents.

C. Penalties
Anyone who fails to separate recyclable materials or otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of this by-law shall be subject to the NONCRIMINAL DISPOSTION of CERTAIN VIOLATIONS of the By-law, as set forth in Article 41 of the GENERAL BY-LAWS of the Town, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than $25 for the first violation, $50 for the second violation, and not exceeding $100 for any subsequent violations.

D. Enforcement Action
For the purpose of this By-Law the "enforcing person" shall mean the Director of Public Works or his/her Designee(s).

E. Effective date
This By-Law will take effect September 1, 1996.

F. Severability
If any section of this By-Law is found to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of said by-law shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

(Two amendments to remove the word Mandatory and to remove Section C Penalties and reletter the rest of the article was not a vote.)

MAIN MOTION VOTED.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will authorize its Board of Selectmen to foster regional approaches to solving governmental problems and to delivering services more effectively and efficiently by entering into an inter-municipal agreement with other cities and towns lying within Bristol, Norfolk and Plymouth Counties to formally create and implement the Southeastern Regional Services Group, such Agreement to be in conformance with and subject to the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws and to contain such other terms and conditions as are mutually acceptable to the Chief

Executive Officers of the SERSG member communities, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to purchase, acquire by gift, or take by Right of Eminent Domain the parcel of land as shown on a plan of land entitled "Main Street Reconstruction", on file with the Town Clerk's Office, and more particularly described in Article 43, and the expenses therefor, for the Layout, Alteration or Relocation of Main Street, and to determine whether the money shall be provided by Taxation, or by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $2,500 TO TAKE BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN THE PARCELS OF LAND AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED "MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION", ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 43, AND THE EXPENSES THEREFORE, FOR THE LAYOUT, ALTERATION OR RELOCATION OF MAIN STREET. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout, alteration or relocation of Main Street, and its related easements, as made by the Board of Selectmen in a formal Order on File with the Town Clerk's Office, as shown on a Plan of Land Entitled "Main Street Reconstruction", or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will Vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting for and behalf of the Town, to purchase, acquire by gift, or to take by right of eminent domain, the following described parcels of land, for the layout, alteration and relocation of Main Street:

Parcel No. 1 (Deed Reference: Book 6130, Pg. 120)

A certain parcel of land at No. 22 & 24 Center Street consisting of 180 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Noreen M. & Nicola Sacco, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 2 (Deed Reference:Book 5464, Pg. 181)

A certain parcel of land at No. 14 Center Street consisting of 150 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Anthony Pires, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 3 (Deed Reference:Book 4619, Pg. 272)

A certain parcel of land at No. 10 Center Street consisting of 130 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Jean Charlotte Dewitt, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 4 (Deed Reference. Book 1411, Pg. 513)

A certain parcel of land at No. 2 Center Street consisting of 325 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Tel-Bank, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 5

A certain parcel of land at No.193 Main Street consisting of 160 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Immaculate Conception Church, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 6

A certain parcel of land at No. 201 Main Street consisting of 145 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Immaculate Conception Church, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 7 (Deed Reference. Book 3974, Pg. 194)

A certain parcel of land at No. 205 Main Street consisting of 120 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Margaret Harvey, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 8 (Deed Reference. Book 4697, Pg. 0008)

A certain parcel of land at No. 209 Main Street consisting of 185 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Gerard M. & Lisa J. Kenney Jr., as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 9 (Deed Reference. Book 5261, Pg. 0163)

A certain parcel of land at No. 211 Main Street consisting of 70 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Robert A. & Lynne C. Pratt, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 10 (Deed Reference. Book 1399, Pg. 507)

A certain parcel of land at No. 215 Main Street consisting of 20 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Edward m. & Lois E. Ryan, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No.11 (Deed Reference. Book 3358, Pg. 0185)

A certain parcel of land at No. 219 Main Street consisting of 170 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Kevin R. Laughlin, Trustee, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 12 (Deed Reference. Book 851, Pg. 10)

A certain parcel of land at No. 225 Main Street consisting of 235 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Kathryn E. Healey, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 13 (Deed Reference. Book 5930, Pg. 218)

A certain parcel of land at No. 229 Main Street consisting of 500 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by North Easton Savings Bank, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 14 (Deed Reference. Book 5358, Pg. 0281)

A certain parcel of land at 231 Main Street consisting of 600 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Professional Medical Mngt., as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 15 (Deed Reference. Book 2562, Pg. 0348)

A certain parcel of land at 261 Main Street consisting of 95 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Parker Oliver Ames, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 16

A certain parcel of land at No. 307 Main Street consisting of 860 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by NRT, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No.17 (Deed Reference Book 2179, Pg. 0091)

A certain parcel of land at No. 316 Main Street consisting of 930 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Charles C. McCarthy, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 18 (Deed Reference LC 49, Pg. 0036)

A certain parcel of land at No. 285 Washington Street consisting of 1875 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Donald P. Brabants, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No.19(Deed Reference LC 49, Pg. 0036)

A certain parcel of land at No. 285 Washington Street consisting of 435 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Donald P. Brabants, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 20(Deed Reference LC 49, Pg. 0036)

A certain parcel of land at No. 285 Washington Street consisting of 695 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Donald P. Brabants, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 21(Deed Reference Book 1550, Pg. 577)

A certain parcel of land at No. 167 Main Street consisting of 1890 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Ames Realty Trust, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 22 (Deed Reference Book 1550, Pg. 557)

A certain parcel of land at No. 167 Main Street consisting of 60 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by David Ames, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 23 (Deed Reference. Book 918, Pg. 436)

A certain parcel of land at No. 220 Main Street consisting of 10 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Carl B. & Lillian R. Johnson, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction", prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 24 (Deed Reference. Book 5053, Pg. 212)

A certain parcel of land at No. 218 Main Street consisting of 250 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Michael Mahany, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 25 (Deed Reference. Book 3623, Pg. 134)

A certain parcel of land at No. 212 Main Street consisting of 200 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Bernadette McKinsey , as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 26 (Deed Reference. Book 4504, Pg. 0324)

A certain parcel of land at No. 208 Main Street consisting of 26 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Thomas Dubois, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 27(Deed Reference, Book 1704, Pg 1125

A certain parcel of land at No. 206 Main Street consisting of 50 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Russell M. Gouldrup, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 28 (Deed Reference. Book 5759, Pg.0242)

A certain parcel of land at No. 202 Main Street consisting of 150 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Ronald A. & Monica M. Lawson, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 29 (Deed Reference 04766, Pg. 0325)

A certain parcel of land at No. 194 Main Street consisting of 100 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Kathleen McCarthy, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 30 (Deed Reference. Book 4766, Pg.0325)

A certain parcel of land at No. 194 Main Street consisting of 110 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Kathleen McCarthy, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction", prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 31 (Deed Reference. Book 4288, Pg. 0156)

A certain parcel of land at No. 190 Main Street consisting of 305 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Robert F. Maliff, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction", prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 32 (Deed Reference. Book 04741, Pg. 0015)

A certain parcel of land at No. 186 Main Street consisting of 304 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by John C. & Tammy L. Mallers, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 33 (Deed Reference Book 4288, Pg. 0156)

A certain parcel of land at No. 190 Main Street consisting of 55 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Robert Maliff, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 34 (Deed Reference. Book 3164, Pg. 0243)

A certain parcel of land at No. 180 Main Street consisting of 255 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by William C. Faradie Jr., as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction", prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 35 (Deed Reference Book 5853, Pg. 0215)

A certain parcel of land at No. 176 Main Street consisting of 320 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Shaofeng Shan & Teng Zhi, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 36 (Deed Reference. Book 2672, Pg. 0175)

A certain parcel of land at No. 168 Main Street consisting of 280 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Winslow A. & Mary A. Conant, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 37(Deed Reference Book 2042, Pg. 0295

A certain parcel of land at No. 158 Main Street consisting of 220 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Douglas A. King, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 38

A certain parcel of land between Sullivan Avenue and No. 120 Main Street consisting of 62.5 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by MBTA, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44 a sum of money to pay for the installation of underground wiring on Main Street including any engineering or other studies necessary to effect the purposes of this article or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer, such sums as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto. (See Budget at end of Warrant). (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $30,040,935 OF WHICH $27,862,769 SHALL BE RAISED BY TAXATION, $1,561,641 SHALL BE RAISED AND TRANSFERRED FROM WATER RECEIPTS, $531,000 SHALL BE RAISED FROM OFFSET RECEIPTS, $30,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND, $30,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PENSION RESERVE FUND AND $25,525 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

FD-DPT	*DEPARTMENT NAME*	*AMOUNT VOTED*
01-003	*SELECTMEN*	*$ 267,776*
01-007	*TOWN COUNSEL*	*114,300*
01-011	*FINANCE COMMITTEE*	*3,950*
01-013	*RESERVE FUND*	*100,000*
01-015	*ELECTIONS*	*23,544*
01-017	*REGISTRARS*	*4,300*
01-025	*ACCOUNTANT*	*59,012*
01-029	*ASSESSORS*	*137,342*
01-033	*TOWN COLLECTOR/TREAS*	*258,093*
01-039	*TOWN CLERK*	*103,289*
01-049	*BOARD OF APPEALS*	*12,711*
01-01	*DATA PROCESSING*	*140,271*
01-063	*PLANNING & ZONING*	*43,399*
01-101	*POLICE*	*2,081,236*
01-103	*FIRE*	*1,622,645*
01-104	*AMBULANCE*	*245,720*
01-105	*FIRE ALARM*	*19,199*
01-113	*BUILDING DEPARTMENT*	*95,832*
01-133	*ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER*	*29,554*
01-200	*SCHOOL BUDGE*	*15,707,295*
01-225	*SOUTHEASTERN REG SCH*	*263,362*
01-300	*PUBLIC WORKS*	*1,950,480*
01-481	*HISTORICAL COMMISSION*	*2,400*
01-487	*CONSERVATION COMMISS*	*27,002*
01-501	*BOARD OF HEALTH*	*141,333*
01-531	*COUNCIL ON AGING*	*106,641*
01-551	*VETERANS DEPT*	*83,710*
01-571	*CEMETERY COMMISSION*	*5,955*
01-600	*RECREATION DEPT*	*39,739*
01-601	*RECREATION - POOL*	*27,100*
01-700	*MATURING DEBT & INT*	*1,503,831*
01-750	*UNCLASSIFIED*	*3,621,516*
61-500	*WATER DIVISION*	*1,198,398*
TOTAL		*$ 30,040,935*

(During the budget presentation, it was announced that Stonehill College has made a donation in the amount of $18,000 to be distributed four ways - $8,000 Easton Public Schools, $4,000 Recreation, $4,000 Library, $2,000 Council on Aging.)

(There was lengthy discussion on held line items relating to the Assessors, Fire Department and Southeastern Regional School. Several amendments were suggested but none passed.)

A MOTION TO HAVE THE SELECTMEN APPOINT A COMMITTEE (COMPRISED OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE APPROPRIATE) TO STUDY THE 3 VS 2 FIRE STATION ISSUE AND REPORT TO THE NEXT TOWN MEETING WAS ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the installation of a handicapped ramp at the Easton Knights of Columbus Hall or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND THE SUM OF $3,695 TO PAY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A HANDICAPPED RAMP AT THE EASTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL. ***VOTED.***

At 11:30 p.m. the Annual Town Meeting was ***DISSOLVED****. Total voters preent - 306.*

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections, residing in Precincts One, Two and Four to meet at the Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Jenny Lind Street; those residing in Precincts Three, Five and Six to meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Foundry Street (Route 106), on Monday the 22nd day of April, 1996 at 7:00 in the forenoon to bring their votes all on one ballot for One Selectmen for a term of three years; One Assessor for a term of three years; Two School Committee members for a term of three year; One Board of Health member for a term of three years; One Housing Authority member for a term of five years; Three Finance Committee members for a term of three years.

The polls will be opened at 7:00 A.M. and shall be closed at 8:00 P.M.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return on this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting and said Town Clerk is hereby required to make return of the Warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warrant is hereby required to make return on the Warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return of Officers elected, at the close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 18th day of March in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-six.

William D. Hardin
Jeffrey L. Tufts
Frederick W. Clark
Patricia F. Hunt
Daniel W. Churchill
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton Mass. April 21, 1996
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.
Gene F. Dalton, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
Monday, April 22, 1996

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Monday, April 22, 1996. The polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election offficers:

Precinct One - John F. Mara, Warden; Dorothy M. Stone, Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Isabel Silva, John P. Vieira, Esther Mahoney, Lorraine Anderson, Inspectors.

Precinct Two - Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy M. Conceison, Deputy Warden; Gathry Hall, Clerk; Irene Roberge, Joan Healey, Eleanor Bridge, Virginia Sullivan, Jean Harney, Inspectors.

Precinct Three - Claire E. Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Patricia Dooley, Rose Furlong, Juliann M. Smith, Inspectors.

Precinct Four - Elizabeth A. Porter, Warden; Robert E. Leonard, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Marjorie Jumpe, John Sullivan, Bernard Laferriere, Inspectors.

Precinct Five - Beverly Phillips, Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Clyde Craig, Blanche Hicks, Eleanor Blye, Mary Quattrucci, E. Louise Vose, Inspectors.

Precinct Six - Mary Norrman, Warden; Janet Barron, Deputy Warden; Anne Martin, Clerk; Filimona Malcosky, Marilyn Williams, Francis Mahoney, Harvey Blackman, Inspectors.

The number of ballots cast:

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
	168	291	95	140	96	123	913

The result of the election was:

SELECTMAN (THREE YEARS) (ONE)							
William D. Hardin	84	161	61	88	47	59	500
Christopher D'Arpino (W/I)	67	82	22	36	30	55	292
Blanks & Scattering	17	48	12	16	19	9	121
Total	168	291	95	140	96	123	913

ASSESSOR (THREE YEARS) (ONE)

Gerard S. Marsan	113	210	73	89	60	77	622
Blanks & Scattering	55	81	22	51	36	46	291
Total	168	291	95	140	96	123	913
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (THREE YEARS) (NOT MORE THAN TWO)							
Caroline S. O'Neill	87	173	59	81	56	73	529
William P. Braun	104	170	57	85	54	69	539
Blanks & Scattering	145	239	74	114	82	104	758
Total	336	582	190	280	192	246	1826
BOARD OF HEALTH (THREE YEARS) (ONE)							
David E. Gardner	100	183	64	82	49	58	536
Mary Ann Miller	55	96	28	47	37	62	325
Blanks & Scattering	13	12	3	11	10	3	52
Total	168	291	95	140	96	123	913
HOUSING AUTHORITY (FIVE YEARS) (ONE)							
Sandra L. Conant	65	139	45	64	48	71	432
James D. Mullen, Jr.	84	133	46	65	29	46	403
Blanks & Scattering	19	19	4	11	19	6	78
Total	168	291	95	140	96	123	913
FINANCE COMMITTEE (THREE YEARS) (NOT MORE THAN THREE)							
Robert L. Hicks	101	169	59	84	70	62	545
Gloria J. Stafford	88	146	59	79	47	69	488
Allen R. Barron	76	139	48	61	40	69	433
John Joseph Moschella	73	124	52	64	31	64	408
Blanks & Scattering	166	295	67	132	100	105	865
Total	504	873	285	420	288	369	2739

A true record. Attest:

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 22, 1996

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol: **GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 22nd day of July, next, at 7:00P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, July 22, 1996

Moderator Richard C. Dailey called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with quorum present. The following non-voters were allowed into the hall: Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance Superintendent; Annalee Bundy, Librarian; Fred Lewis, Enterprise Correspondent; Stefan Stathoupoulos, Continental Cablevision; Victor DeSantis, Professor at Bridgewater State College; Arthur Brasill, Hanson Finance Committee member; Alan Vaill, Alan Hopkins, Scott Wood, Joseph Pucillo, Robert Dunn, Jeremy Finnegan, DPW employees.

ARTICLE 1 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer such sums of money as may be necessary to amend the fiscal year 1997 budget as shown below:

FD-DPT	*DEPARTMENT NAME*	*AMOUNT VOTED*
01-003	*SELECTMEN*	*$ 267,776*
01-007	*TOWN COUNSEL*	*114,300*
01-011	*FINANCE COMMITTEE*	*3,950*
01-013	*RESERVE FUND*	*100,000*
01-015	*ELECTIONS*	*23,544*
01-017	*REGISTRARS*	*4,300*
01-025	*ACCOUNTANT*	*59,012*
01-029	*ASSESSORS*	*137,342*
01-033	*TOWN COLLECTOR/TREAS*	*258,093*
01-039	*TOWN CLERK*	*103,289*
01-049	*BOARD OF APPEALS*	*12,711*
01-01	*DATA PROCESSING*	*140,271*
01-063	*PLANNING & ZONING*	*43,399*
01-101	*POLICE*	*2,081,236*
01-103	*FIRE*	*1,622,645*
01-104	*AMBULANCE*	*245,720*
01-105	*FIRE ALARM*	*19,199*
01-113	*BUILDING DEPARTMENT*	*95,832*
01-133	*ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER*	*29,554*
01-200	*SCHOOL BUDGE*	*15,707,295*
01-225	*SOUTHEASTERN REG SCH*	*263,362*
01-300	*PUBLIC WORKS*	*1,950,480*
01-481	*HISTORICAL COMMISSION*	*2,400*

01-487	*CONSERVATION COMMISS*	*27,002*
01-501	*BOARD OF HEALTH*	*141,333*
01-531	*COUNCIL ON AGING*	*106,641*
01-551	*VETERANS DEPT*	*83,710*
01-571	*CEMETERY COMMISSION*	*5,955*
01-600	*RECREATION DEPT*	*39,739*
01-601	*RECREATION - POOL*	*27,100*
01-700	*MATURING DEBT & INT*	*1,503,831*
01-750	*UNCLASSIFIED*	*3,621,516*
61-500	*WATER DIVISION*	*1,198,398*
TOTAL		*$ 30,040,935*

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommended dismissal of Article 1. The Town Meeting voted not to dismiss the article. It was then moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of $82,000 from taxation to implement the full manning of all fire stations. ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $130,000 to keep open 3 fire stations continuously by hiring 2 additional fire fighters and provide funds for the Fire Department overtime account and to determine whether the money will be provided by taxation, transfer from the Town's Free Cash or take any other action relative thereto. (Citizen Petition)

Motion was made and seconded to appropriate $48,000 by transfer from the Stabilization Fund to keep open three fire stations continuously by hiring 2 additional firefighters and provide funds for the Fire Department Overtime Account. A Secret Ballot was called for. 395 Yes; 158 No. ***VOTED.***

It was then voted to DISSOLVE the Special Town Meeting at 9:15 p.m. Total voters present - 581.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of June in the year nineteen hundred and ninety six.

Jeffrey L. Tufts, Chairman
Daniel W. Churchill, Clerk
Frederick W. Clark
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. July 3, 1996
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

A.C. Woodworth, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk of Easton

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN, SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Precincts 1, 2A, 2B, 4 - Easton Jr. High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue

Precincts 3, 5, 6 - Knights of Columbus Hall, Foundry Street (Route 106)

on **TUESDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1996**, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

U.S. SENATOR . . . . . .FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. . . . . .FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. . . . . .NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR. . . . . .SECOND COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT. . . . . .NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT. . . . . .SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. . . .EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT . . . ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE . . . . . .BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY TREASURER . . . . . .BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER. . . . . BRISTOL COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of August, 1996.

Jeffrey L. Tufts
Fred Clark
William D. Hardin
Patricia F. Hunt
Daniel W. Churchill
SELECTMEN OF EASTON

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. August 30, 1996
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

James A. Carey, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY
Tuesday, September 17, 1996

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, September 17, 1996. The polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election offficers:

Precinct One - John F. Mara, Warden; J. Jacques Tremblay, Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Isabel Silva, Lorraine Anderson, Doris Welch, Ethel Gardner, Inspectors.

Precinct Two (A and B) - Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy M. Conceison, Deputy Warden; , Jean Harney Clerk; Irene Roberge, Joan Healey, Virginia Sullivan, , Harold Craig, Esther Mahoney, Robert McLaughlin, Martha Gomes, Gathry Hall, Inspectors.

Precinct Three - Claire E. Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Patricia Dooley, Ella Porter, Ellen Clark, Inspectors.

Precinct Four - Elizabeth A. Porter, Warden; Robert E. Leonard, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Marjorie Jumpe, John Sullivan, Barbara Walsh, Inspectors.

Precinct Five - Beverly Phillips, Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Clyde Craig, Blanche Hicks, Mary Quattrucci, Elizabeth Verity, Saralin VanEpps, Inspectors.

Precinct Six - Mary Norrman, Warden; Janet Barron, Deputy Warden; Anne Martin, Clerk; Filimona Malcosky, Harvey Blackman, Inspectors.

The number of ballots cast:

	Pct 1	Pct 2A	Pct 2B	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6
Democratic Party	53	6	66	38	45	43	26
Republican Party	44	15	44	34	23	35	31
Libertarian Party	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Total	97	21	110	73	68	79	57

The result of the Primary election was:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
John F. Kerry	38	5	52	32	37	36	22
Write-In (William Weld)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Blanks	15	1	14	5	8	7	4
Total	53	6	66	38	45	43	26

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (FOURTH DISTRICT)

Barney Frank	34	-	40	36	-	-	-
Blanks	19	-	26	2	-	-	-
Total	53	-	66	38	-	-	-
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (NINTH DISTRICT)							
John Joseph Moakley	-	5	-	-	39	39	22
Blanks	-	1	-	-	6	4	4
Total	-	6	-	-	45	43	26
COUNCILLOR (SECOND DISTRICT)							
Kelly A. Timilty	36	2	46	28	32	32	20
Blanks	17	4	20	10	13	11	6
Total	53	6	66	38	45	43	26
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT)							
Michael J. Benjamino	15	1	23	-	11	8	-
Robert S. Creedon, Jr.	33	5	37	-	31	31	-
Blanks	5	0	6	-	3	4	-
Total	53	6	66	-	45	43	-
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT:							
William R. Keating	-	-	-	31	-	-	24
Blanks	-	-	-	7	-	-	2
Total	-	-	-	38	-	-	26
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)							
Geraldine Creedon	39	4	-	-	34	27	-
Blanks	14	2	-	-	11	16	-
Total	53	6	-	-	45	43	-
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)							
Blanks	-	-	66	38	-	-	26
Total	-	-	66	38	-	-	26
REGISTER OF PROBATE (BRISTOL COUNTY)							
Robert E. Peck	36	2	41	22	31	28	16
Blanks	17	4	25	16	14	15	10
Total	53	6	66	38	45	43	26
COUNTY TREASURER (BRISTOL COUNTY)							
Patrick J. Foley	26	0	26	11	23	15	13
Leo O. Pelletier	3	1	6	7	3	3	4
J. Mark Treadup	9	1	12	12	10	6	4
Blanks	15	4	22	8	9	19	5
Total	53	6	66	38	45	43	26
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)							
Arthur R. Machado	12	0	18	13	12	7	8
James W. Coyne, Jr.	17	1	20	13	19	5	10
John R. DeSimas	7	0	7	4	9	3	2
Leonard Gonsalves	7	1	16	7	8	10	4
Robert M. Hunt	15	2	11	7	5	6	3

Christopher T. Saunders	7	0	6	5	6	6	7
Blanks	41	8	54	27	31	49	18
Total	106	12	132	76	90	86	52
			REPUBLICAN PARTY				
SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
William F. Weld	42	12	39	30	20	33	28
Write-In (Karen Gallagher)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In (Susan Gallagher)	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Write-In (John Kerry)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	2	2	5	3	1	2	2
Total	44	15	44	34	23	35	31
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (FOURTH DISTRICT)							
Guy A. Carbone	16	-	21	18	-	-	-
Jonathan P. Raymond	26	-	15	11	-	-	-
Blanks	2	-	8	5	-	-	-
Total	44	-	44	34	-	-	-
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (NINTH DISTRICT)							
Paul V. Gryska	-	11	-	-	20	28	22
Write-In (Jonathan Raymond)	-	0	-	-	0	0	1
Blanks	-	4	-	-	3	7	8
Total	-	15	-	-	23	35	31
COUNCILLOR (SECOND DISTRICT)							
Write-In (Edward Davey)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Blanks	44	15	44	32	23	35	31
Total	44	15	44	34	23	35	31
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT)							
George A. Allen	38	12	30	-	20	28	-
Blanks	6	3	14	-	3	7	-
Total	44	15	44	-	23	35	-
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)							
Blanks	-	-	-	34	-	-	31
Total	-	-	-	34	-	-	31
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)							
Write-In (Paul Lawton)	1	0	-	-	0	0	-
Blanks	43	15	-	-	23	35	-
Total	44	15	-	-	23	35	-
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)							
Jackie Lewis	-	-	34	25	-	-	27
Blanks	-	-	10	9	-	-	4
Total	-	-	44	34	-	-	31
REGISTER OF PROBATE (BRISTOL COUNTY)							

Blanks	44	15	44	34	23	35	31
Total	44	15	44	34	23	35	31
COUNTY TREASURER (BRISTOL COUNTY)							
Blanks	44	15	44	34	23	35	31
Total	44	15	44	34	23	35	31
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (BRISTOL COUNTY)							
Blanks	88	30	88	68	46	70	62
Total	88	30	88	68	46	70	62
			LIBERTARIAN PARTY				
SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
Write-In (George Phillies)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Blanks	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (FOURTH DISTRICT)							
Blanks	0	-	0	1	-	-	-
Total	0	-	0	1	-	-	-
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (NINTH DISTRICT)							
Blanks	-	0	-	-	0	1	0
Total	-	0	-	-	0	1	0
COUNCILLOR (SECOND DISTRICT)							
Blanks	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Total	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT)							
Blanks	0	0	0	-	0	1	-
Total	0	0	0	-	0	1	-
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)							
Blanks	-	-	-	1	-	-	0
Total	-	-	-	1	-	-	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)							
Blanks	0	0	-	-	0	1	-
Total	0	0	-	-	0	1	-
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)							
Blanks	-	-	-	1	-	-	0
Total	-	-	-	1	-	-	0
REGISTER OF PROBATE (BRISTOL COUNTY)							
Blanks	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
COUNTY TREASURER (BRISTOL COUNTY)							
Blanks	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

Total	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (BRISTOL COUNTY)							
Blanks	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Total	0	0	2	0	2	0	0

A true copy. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN, SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1996

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Precincts 1, 2A, 2B, 4 - Easton Jr. High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue

Precincts 3, 5, 6 - Knights of Columbus Hall, Foundry Street (Route 106)

on **TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1996**, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
SENATOR IN CONGRESS. . . . . .FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. . . . . .FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. . . . . .NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR. . . . . .SECOND COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT. . . . . .NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT. . . . . .SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. . . .EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT . . . ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE . . . . . .BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY TREASURER . . . . . .BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER. . . . . BRISTOL COUNTY
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTE. . . . SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

QUESTION 1 - Do you approve of a law summarized below, *on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 1996?*

SUMMARY: This proposed law would prohibit the use of certain traps for fur-bearing mammals, prohibit certain methods of hunting bear or bobcat, and eliminates some restrictions on who may serve on the state Fisheries and Wildlife Board.

The proposed law would prohibit the use, setting, manufacture, or possession of any trap to capture fur-bearing mammals, except common mouse and rat traps, nets and box or cage traps that confine a whole animal without grasping any part of it. Traps designed to grip an animal's body or body part, such as steel jaw leghold traps, padded leghold traps, and snares, would be prohibited. Federal and state health officials could use such traps in case of a threat to human health or safety. Where a property owner had reasonably tried but failed to correct an animal problem on the property using a legal trap, the owner could apply for and the state Director of Fisheries and Wildlife could issue a permit to use a prohibited type of trap, except a leghold trap, for up to 30 days to correct the problem.

A person violating any of these requirements could be punished by a fine of between $300 and $1000, or imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both, for each prohibited trap and each day of violation. A person

convicted for a second violation would be required to surrender, and could never again obtain, any trapping license or problem animal control permit.

The proposed law would also prohibit the pursuit or hunting of bear or bobcat with the aid of a dog or dogs. Hunting bear using any type of bait, lure, or attraction, or knowingly hunting bear in a baited area, would also be prohibited. The Director could allow the use of dogs or bait in legitimate scientific research projects and in order to control particular animals that posed a threat to human safety or that destroyed livestock, property, or crops.

Violators could be punished by a fine of between $300 and $1000, or imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both, for each violation. A person convicted for a second violation would be required to surrender, and could never again obtain, any hunting and dog training licenses and permits.

The proposed law would eliminate the requirement that five members of the state Fisheries and Wildlife Board have held sporting licenses in the state for five consecutive years and that four members represent fishing, hunting, and trapping interests.

The proposed law states that if any of its provisions were declared invalid, the other provisions would remain in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit the use of certain traps for fur-bearing mammals, prohibit certain methods of hunting bear or bobcat and eliminate some restrictions who may serve on the Fisheries and Wildlife Board.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the trapping or hunting laws, and would retain restrictions on who may serve of the Fisheries and Wildlife Board.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of October, 1996.

Jeffrey L. Tufts
Daniel W. Churchill
William D. Hardin
Fred Clark
Patricia F. Hunt
SELECTMEN OF Easton

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. October 23, 1996
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.
Robert Babineau, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION
Tuesday, November 5, 1996

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, November 5, 1996. The polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election offficers:

Precinct One - John F. Mara, Warden; J. Jacques Tremblay, Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Isabel Silva, Doris Welch, Ethel Gardner, Nicolina Previti, Theresa Mathers, Inspectors.

Precinct Two (A and B) - Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy M. Conceison, Deputy Warden; , Jean Harney Clerk; Irene Roberge, Joan Healey, Virginia Sullivan, Esther Mahoney, Robert McLaughlin, Martha Gomes, Joseph Camara, John Papineau, Eleanor Bridge, William MacMullen, Inspectors.

Precinct Three - Claire E. Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Patricia Dooley, Ella Porter, Ellen Clark, E Pamela Corbett, Beverly A. Hanson, Rose Furlong, Rena Salkovitz, Inspectors.

Precinct Four - Elizabeth A. Porter, Warden; Robert E. Leonard, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Marjorie Jumpe, John Sullivan, Barbara Walsh, Laetitia Tremblay, Bernard Laferriere, Lorraine Anderson, Inspectors.

Precinct Five - Beverly Phillips, Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Clyde Craig, Blanche Hicks, Mary Quattrucci, Elizabeth Verity, Mary Travers, Louise Newman, Inspectors.

Precinct Six - Mary Norrman, Warden; Janet Barron, Deputy Warden; Anne Martin, Clerk; Filimona Malcosky, Harvey Blackman, Marilyn Williams, Harold Craig, Rona Alex, Inspectors.

The number of ballots cast:

	Pct 1	Pct 2A	Pct 2B	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Ballots Cast	1742	433	1285	1398	1665	1658	1512	9693
Federal Write-In Ballots	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
Total	1742	433	1287	1400	1665	1658	1512	9697

The result of the election was as follows:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT								
Browne and Jorgensen	14	3	10	9	14	14	9	73
Clinton and Gore	882	185	691	733	846	943	780	5060
Dole and Kemp	672	201	470	484	654	558	537	3576

Hagelin and Tompkins	2	1	2	3	0	0	1	9
Moorehead and LaRiva	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	4
Perot and Choate	154	36	98	155	139	126	160	868
Write-Ins	4	1	1	5	4	7	7	29
Blanks	14	6	14	11	7	10	16	78
Total	1742	433	1287	1400	1665	1658	1512	9697
SENATOR IN CONGRESS								
John F. Kerry	745	130	599	633	708	758	653	4226
William F. Weld	938	282	646	718	898	840	821	5143
Susan C. Gallagher	46	16	32	37	47	44	28	250
Robert C. Stowe	2	1	1	4	2	3	2	15
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Blanks	10	3	9	8	10	12	8	60
Total	1742	433	1287	1400	1665	1658	1512	9697
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (FOURTH DISTRICT)								
Barney Frank	936	-	727	816	-	-	-	2479
Jonathan P. Raymond	732	-	490	514	-	-	-	1736
Write-Ins	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	4
Blanks	73	-	66	67	-	-	-	206
Total	1742	-	1285	1398	-	-	-	4425
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (NINTH DISTRICT)								
John Joseph Moakley	-	205	-	-	994	992	879	3070
Paul V. Gryska	-	210	-	-	606	588	555	1959
Write-Ins	-	1	-	-	0	2	1	4
Blanks	-	17	-	-	65	76	77	235
Total	-	433	-	-	1665	1658	1512	5268
COUNCILLOR (SECOND DISTRICT)								
Kelly A. Timilty	1013	229	749	920	953	996	945	5805
Write-Ins	6	1	3	7	10	8	5	40
Blanks	723	203	533	471	702	654	562	3848
Total	1742	433	1285	1398	1665	1658	1512	9693
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT)								
George A. Allen	676	192	503	-	652	605	-	2628
Robert S. Creedon, Jr.	888	192	671	-	840	826	-	3417
Write-Ins	3	0	0	-	0	0	-	3
Blanks	175	49	111	-	173	227	-	735
Total	1742	433	1285	-	1665	1658	-	6783
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT:								
William R. Keating	-	-	-	1003	-	-	1058	2061
Write-Ins	-	-	-	7	-	-	3	10
Blanks	-	-	-	388	-	-	451	839
Total	-	-	-	1398	-	-	1512	2910
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)								
Geraldine Creedon	1057	234	-	-	975	1005	-	3271
Write-Ins	5	2	-	-	11	6	-	24

Blanks	680	197	-	-	680	646	-	2203
Total	1742	433	-	-	1666	1657	-	5498
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)								
Jackie Lewis	-	-	782	950	-	-	977	2709
Write-Ins	-	-	499	444	-	-	531	1474
Blanks	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	12
Total	-	-	1285	1398	-	-	1512	4195
REGISTER OF PROBATE (BRISTOL COUNTY)								
Robert E. Peck	1003	213	714	891	918	948	909	5596
Write-Ins	2	0	1	2	5	3	3	16
Blanks	737	220	570	505	743	706	600	4081
Total	1742	433	1285	1398	1666	1657	1512	9693
COUNTY TREASURER (BRISTOL COUNTY)								
Patrick H. Harrington	786	210	595	653	755	748	712	4459
J. Mark Treadup	394	65	298	336	376	364	342	2175
George E. Foster	116	27	69	96	97	83	85	573
Write-Ins	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	4
Blanks	446	131	322	311	438	461	373	2482
Total	1742	433	1285	1398	1666	1657	1512	9693
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)								
Arthur R. Machado	767	169	600	667	755	728	711	4397
Christopher T. Saunders	547	117	395	520	504	521	519	3123
Write-Ins	3	2	1	7	6	5	3	27
Blanks	2167	579	1573	1602	2068	2059	1791	11839
Total	3484	867	2569	2796	3333	3313	3024	19386
REGIONAL VOC. SCHOOL COMMITTEE								
Thomas W. Devine	863	203	641	739	796	701	717	4660
William F. Flannery	791	201	635	709	758	742	750	4586
Robert A. Girardin	710	174	552	617	671	642	653	4019
Charles W. McDonald	744	189	592	667	714	687	726	4319
Ilan Fisher	307	62	191	216	288	313	243	1620
Mindy Marcia Kempner	502	113	328	435	431	464	451	2724
Arnold M. Kublin	235	44	113	160	223	244	208	1227
Edward J. Ruvich	242	52	138	208	260	273	216	1389
Write-Ins	2	2	5	9	3	4	4	29
Blanks	4314	1125	3230	3230	4186	4215	3592	23892
Total	8710	2165	6425	6990	8330	8285	7560	48465
QUESTION 1 (LEGHOLD TRAPS)								
Yes	845	232	563	704	814	876	714	4748
No	695	163	502	510	613	562	592	3637
Blanks	202	38	220	184	239	219	206	1308
Total	1742	433	1285	1398	1666	1657	1512	9693

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